

When we step into new territory you can count on delays and setbacks. Anything worthwhile is not going to be easy. We will face hard times even times where we may want to give up and quit.

New Territory Means Delays & Setbacks **How do we finish what we start?**

"I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:6 (GN)

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Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)*

When You Feel Like Giving Up...

1. Remove _____

"We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means. Let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back." Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)

"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race..." Philipians 3:13-14 (LB)

"Don't dwell on the past..." Isaiah 43:18

2. Remember _____

*"To win the contest you must deny yourself many things that _____ would keep you from doing your best. We do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. A heavenly reward, personally rewarded by God."
1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (LB)*

This Weeks Memory Verse...

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 (LB)

3. Resist

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Galatians 6:9 (LB)*

*, “Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer.”
Psalm 94:19 (LB)*

4. Renew

“It is stupid for you to get up so early and stay up so late ... God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest.” Psalm 127:2 (LB)

*“This is why we never give up ... our spirits are being renewed every day.”
2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)*

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He (Jesus) did not give up because of the cross!” Hebrews 12:2 (GN)

*“I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)*

“Do you see what this means - all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running - and never quit. No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sin. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race that we're in. Study how He did it because He never lost sight of where He was headed - that exhilarating finish in and with God. He (Jesus) could put up with anything along the way: the cross, shame, whatever. And now He's there, in the place of honor right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith go over that story again item by item, that long litany of hostility that he (Jesus) plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! In this all-out match against sin others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through... So don't feel sorry for yourselves... God is educating you. That is why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children.” Hebrews 12:1-8 (Message)