



Our lives here have often been compared to a race. Most aren't running a 50-yard dash but a marathon full of many steps and turns in the road. Whether the race is long or short, we are all moving onward to the finish line, and we are closer today than we've ever been. For the Christian, that finish line is one of **glory** — we see Jesus face to face and enter eternity, which is more real than this life! But we aren't home yet and right now, people all around you are headed to the wrong finish line. They need hope. They need life. They need Jesus. The only reason that you and I are still here and not yet in our eternal home is because we've been called to partner with our King in changing destinies! As we walk in our new identity with Jesus, he is longing for us to let him overflow out of us to a world in need wherever we set our feet. Be bold. See people. Love them. Ask to pray for them so that God would manifest his power through your life and that they would come to him! Lace up — we are still in this race! Run it well today!

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of it" John 17:16 – Emphasis added.

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" Philippians 3:20 – Emphasis added.

*"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were *foreigners and strangers on earth*. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them"* Hebrews 11:13-16 – Emphasis added.

*"Dear friends, I urge you, as *foreigners and exiles*, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul"* 1 Peter 2:11 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *Take a few minutes and ask God to help you understand just how short your time on earth is. What opportunities or dreams is he calling you to seek more diligently right now? What relationships is he calling you to more deliberately invest in?*
2. *Thank God for this 50-day journey with him and reflect on where he has taken you. What is different in your life now than it was at the start of this journey? Is there somewhere specific you feel God calling you to focus on during this next season of intimacy with him?*

WORSHIP RESOURCE:

“We’re all just one step from the Son... and someday we will live forever!”

Listen to “Live Forever” by Emberlasting. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.

PRAYER:

Daddy, how our hearts long to be with you. Deliver us from the deception that the enemy offers. How easily we are enthralled with the cheap imitations of your glory! Reveal to our soul and spirits the height, width and depth of your love and grace (Ephesians 3:20). Today, grant us a glimpse of heaven. We trust in your Word that says, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). Help me spend every moment delighting in you and all you’ve purchased for me. Overflow out of my life. As I lace up to run my race for you, I fix my full gaze on you, my coming King (Hebrews 12:1,2)! May I run well until I see you face to face!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Talk about a loved one who has gone to heaven and how you can honor the life they’ve lived. Talk about how our time here on earth is temporary and how heaven is our true home. Thank God that one day soon, we will be reunited with loved ones, and most of all, that we will finally fully see him! Lastly, talk about future ideas for family devotion times. What do you feel God calling you to focus on next?

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for someone who needs to embrace the simplicity of the Gospel so that they can continually live in intimacy with God. As you finish this 50-day journey, ask Jesus who he wants you to share these truths with. Consider giving them a copy of this book, “Life in the Overflow,” or any of the resources in the back of this book!