

Prophet, How Far Are You Willing To Run? (Jeremiah 12:1-5)

Introduction: *Oh, the joys & challenges of long distance running...*

- I. GOD COMPARES RUNNING WITH SERVING HIM FAITHFULLY
 - A. Jeremiah's call to ministry is likened to ***“running with men & horses”*** (v.5)
 - B. Our call to ministry & service is to where God wants us to be, even with “rough roads to run”

- II. JEREMIAH WANTED TO RUN AWAY, BUT HE RAN TO GOD (vv. 1-4)
 - A. He complained to God about how hard “the run” was, but God kept silent
 - B. At times in our lives, “the run” can seem too much for us to bear
 - C. When God finally answered Jeremiah, He says it will get harder before it gets better (v.5 – ***running with men & horses...***)

- III. WE DO NOT RUN ALONE & ALONG THE RACE COURSE THERE IS SUPPORT
 - A. *My running partner & his sacrifice for me during a marathon race (42 km)*
 - B. Jesus Christ is our running partner who sacrificed Himself for us (Hebrews 12:1-2)
 - C. We do not run alone! We do not run alone! (Isaiah 40:31)

Conclusion: *Today is a great day for a run!*