

SERMON OUTLINE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

“Running with Horses”

(Jeremiah 12:1-5)

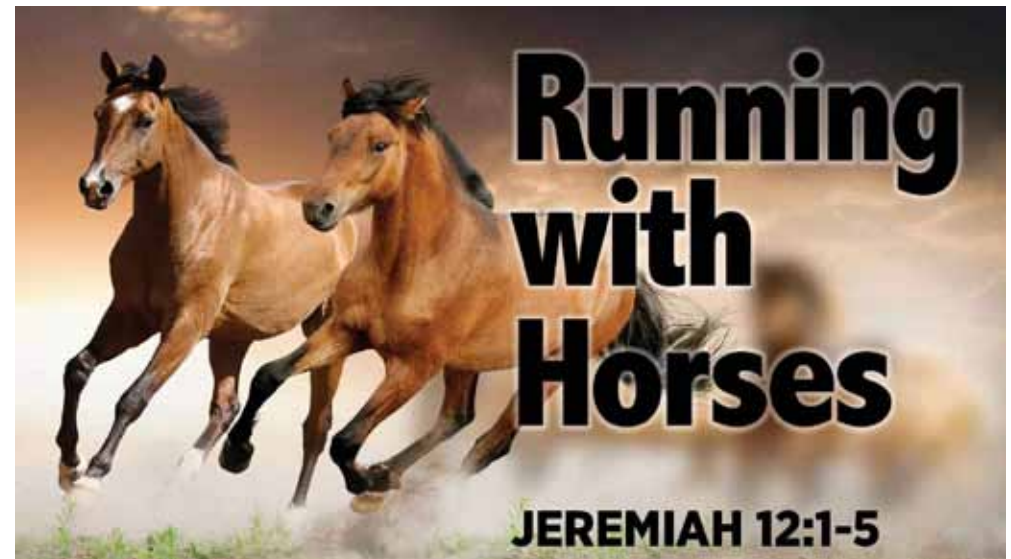
INTRODUCTION: *Oh, the joys & challenges of long distance running...*

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!*