

**Sunday 22nd April
2018**





2 Corinthians 5:17

**This means that anyone who
belongs to Christ has become a
new person.**

**The old life is gone; a new life
has begun!**

TO BE LOVED





to belong... »»

to 'become'



What is it we want to be?

- ▶ When I'm a grown up
I'm going to.....



Farmer

Footballer

Or even.....

▶ TRAIN DRIVER



Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Become like Christ





The perfect picture? >>

Life's race is a marathon...

I don't run. And if you ever
see me run, you should
start running too.
Because something
is probably chasing
me.



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growing, maturing, becoming



Step 1: Simplify My Life



Hebrews 12

- ▶ Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up. Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.

Step 2: Don't get impatient or in a hurry



Have a little Patience

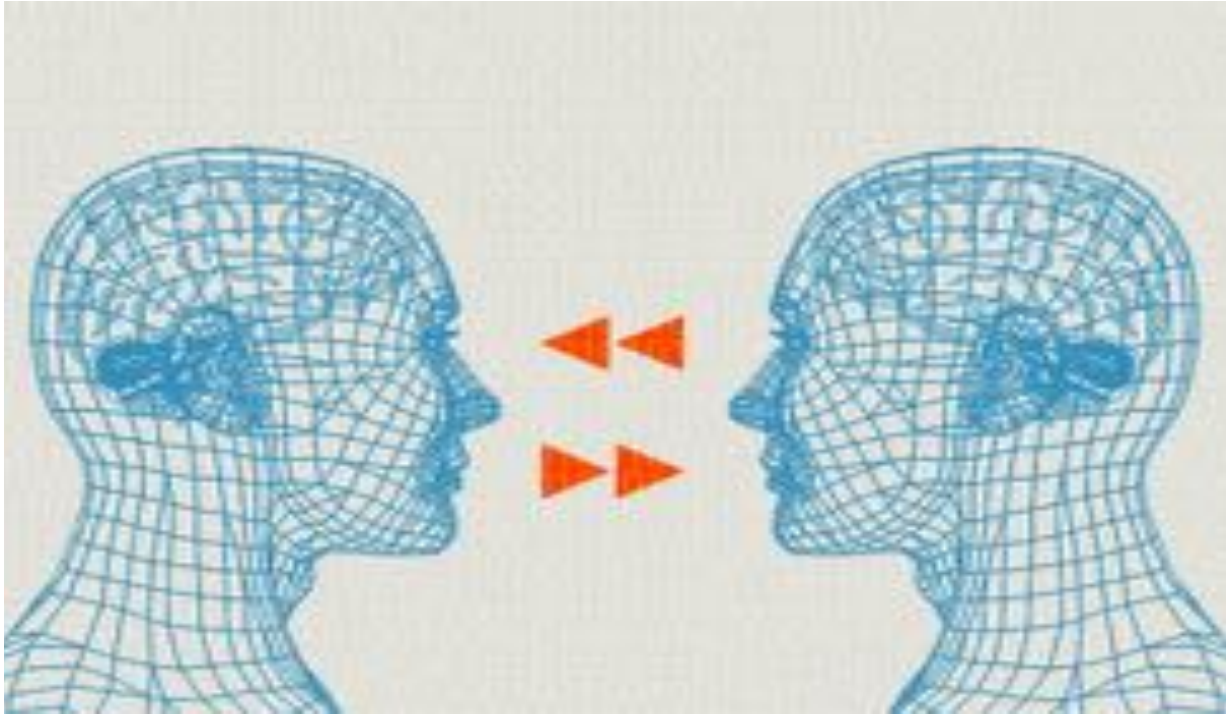


The Mighty Oak

Step 3: Spending focused time on Jesus



Reflecting the qualities of God



Step 4: When it gets hard remember the reward



Step 5: Run with a team



Hebrews 10

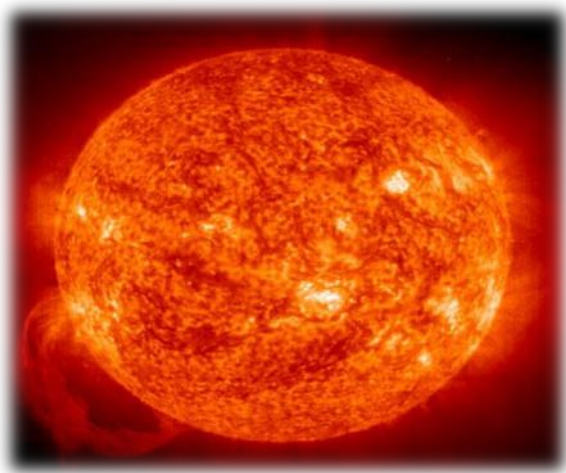
- ▶ “Let us consider how we may spur one-another on toward love and good deeds let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another as you see the day approaching”

Step 6: What I don't finish God will





“I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.”



“Dear friends, we are already God’s children and we cant even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is!”