

August 26, 2018
“In It For The Long Haul!”
(John 6:60-69)

Jesus knew what it was to deal with _____ fans.

As he began to share the difficult details of his ministry, many of his followers started getting _____.

A lot of church members, as well as pastors, would be willing to go to the mission field – if they could _____.

3 things:

#1.- Life is a _____.

The obstacles are many, and just because we are _____ does not mean that the way will be made _____ for us.

Life is a marathon, not a _____.

Success comes to those who are _____ to hang in there when the going gets rough.

One of the worst things that can happen to some people is to have too many _____ early in life.

#2.- The great secret in life is not how we _____, but how we _____.

Many of us are good _____.

We start off with a burst of _____. But sustaining that good beginning....that’s the problem.

That’s true in our _____ to Christ, to our marriage partner, in our work and in a host of other endeavors. How are we at finishing?

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Like Stuart Briscoe said: “You get all kinds of people goofing off at the start, but that doesn’t count. To finish does _____, and _____ of Jesus Christ keep on going.”

When the enthusiasm fades, when the passion cools, when the numbers drop off, can you maintain your _____? That is the mark of a _____!

#3.- _____ is what faith is all about.

Some of you have been disenchanted, and you’re beginning to realize that you want to draw _____ to God.

You’re hoping to have a fresh _____ of God’s _____.

If you will endure long enough and keep _____ after God’s _____ of the Spirit, it will happen!

Faith is _____ in there when the day looks dark and the options are _____, because you know that God is at _____ in your life.

Faith has to do with both having a great _____ and an even greater _____!

Revelation 2:10 – “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”

That is faith for the long haul --- the only kind of faith that counts!