

I am free to serve not forced to serve – Different motivation
Mutual Blessing – We are not earning points

Race Metaphor

- **Some don't** know there is a destination other than extinction
– Running aimlessly
- **Some think** there is a destination, but it is defined by culture
or self-determined
- **Some reject** that there is one way to a finish line beyond
death
- **Some reject** the idea that an eternal God created the race and
the course

Options

- **Secularism:** Survival of the fittest
- **Hinduism:** Gaining release from karma
- **Buddhism:** End rebirth cycle by blowing out the flame of
desire
- **Islam:** Personal Perfectionism
- **Christianity:** All are sinful, Jesus pays our price, Growing
Holiness is from desire not duty

How we Train:

Body our servant – Nutrition – In Community

How we Run:

Alongside others at their pace (becoming all things) – For
their sake to bless

Allegiance to God not humans frees him to interact with all
to help them, not please them

Philippians 2:14-18 Without complaining, holding firmly
Hurdler

Why we Run:

Hebrews 12:1-3 throw off everything that hinders

- **The Prize Propels:** Therefore we
 - 1) Train With Purpose
 - 2) Run With Purpose