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**BIG IDEA | Decide today how you want the race to end.**

**Numbers 20:1-8 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> In the first month of the year, the whole community of Israel arrived in the wilderness of Zin and camped at Kadesh. While they were there, Miriam died and was buried.

<sup>2</sup> There was no water for the people to drink at that place, so they rebelled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The people blamed Moses and said, "If only we had died in the Lord's presence with our brothers! <sup>4</sup> Why have you brought the congregation of the Lord's people into this wilderness to die, along with all our livestock? <sup>5</sup> Why did you make us leave Egypt and bring us here to this terrible place? This land has no grain, no figs, no grapes, no pomegranates, and no water to drink!"

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron turned away from the people and went to the entrance of the Tabernacle, where they fell face down on the ground. Then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared to them, <sup>7</sup> and the Lord said to Moses, <sup>8</sup> "You and Aaron must take the staff and assemble the entire community. As the people watch, speak to the rock over there, and it will pour out its water. You will provide enough water from the rock to satisfy the whole community and their livestock."

## **HOW TO FINISH WELL:**

**Run to God's presence when criticism is all around.**

**John 15:18 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first."

**"To avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, be nothing." -Elbert Hubbard**

**Address the sin in your life head on.**

**Develop a habit of obedience, even in the small things.**

**Numbers 20:9-11 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> So Moses did as he was told. He took the staff from the place where it was kept before the Lord. <sup>10</sup> Then he and Aaron summoned the people to come and gather at the rock. "Listen, you rebels!" he shouted. "Must we bring you water from this rock?" <sup>11</sup> Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out. So the entire community and their livestock drank their fill.

**1 Peter 2:23 (MSG)**

They called him every name in the book and he said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right.

**Give glory to God for what He does through your life.**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-5 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. <sup>2</sup> In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were

baptized as followers of Moses. <sup>3</sup> All of them ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

### **1 Corinthians 3:5-7 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. <sup>7</sup> It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.

### **Romans 15:18 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them.

### **2 Corinthians 3:5 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.

### **Numbers 20:12-13 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup> But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust me enough to demonstrate my holiness to the people of Israel, you will not lead them into the land I am giving them!" <sup>13</sup> This place was known as the waters of Meribah (which means "arguing") because

there the people of Israel argued with the Lord, and there he demonstrated his holiness among them.

**Believe God and treat Him as holy.**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. <sup>8</sup> And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.