



## **GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

### ***Lesson One: Training For The Prize***

#### **Choosing The Right Trainer & Hearing His Voice**

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Introduction: Paul urges us to be focused on our eternal prize (**I Corinthians 9:24, Philippians 3:14**). He himself made it his primary goal to get to heaven (**II Timothy 4:6-8**). In this series of lessons, we are going to consider what it will take to train for the prize. The first step we must take is find the right trainer...One who understands and has run the race before (**Hebrews 4:15, 12:1-2**). What can we do to hear His voice? Let me share with you some of His invitations.....

#### Discussion:

- I. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Commitment (**Genesis 7:1-16**)*
- II. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Companionship (**Numbers 10:29-32**)*
- III. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Cleansing (**Isaiah 1:18**)*
- IV. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Contentment (**Isaiah 55:1-3**)*
- V. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Correction (**Hosea 6:1-2**)*
- VI. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Children (**Matthew 19:13-15**)*
- VII. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation To Contribute (**John 1:35-42**)*
- VIII. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation Of Confidence (**John 6:37-40**)*
- IX. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation Of Conversion (**Acts 9:1-19**)*
- X. *Jesus Offers Us The Invitation Of Completion (**Revelation 22:12-21**)*

Conclusion: Jesus alone can offer you these great invitations. Listen to what He has said, "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" (**Matthew 11:28-30**) Are you ready to hear the voice of the Lord? Are you ready to come to Him? Are you ready to lay your burdens down at His feet? Come to Jesus!!!

***WORD OF THE DAY = "TRAINING"***