



## **GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

#### **Waving The Right Banner & Finishing In His Service**

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Introduction: Paul urges us to be focused on our eternal prize (**I Corinthians 9:24, Philippians 3:14, II Timothy 4:6-8**). In this series of lessons, we are considering what it will take to train for the prize. The first step was finding the right trainer. The second step was selecting the right team. The third step was setting the right goal. In this final lesson we will talk about waving the right banner and finishing the race.....

#### Discussion:

- I. *Waving His Banner Means I Pledge Allegiance to Jesus Christ As My Savior*  
**John 14:6, Romans 10:9-10, Acts 15:7, I John 4:15, John 8:24,  
Acts 4:12, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6**
  
- II. *Waving His Banner Means I Pledge Allegiance to Jesus Christ As My Shepherd*  
**Psalm 23, John 10:9-11, I Peter 5:4, John 17:17, Ephesians 6:17,  
II Timothy 3:16-17, Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8, Acts 2:38-29, Psalm 46:10,  
Habakkuk 2:20, Hebrews 13:5**
  
- III. *Waving His Banner Means I Pledge Allegiance to Jesus Christ As My High Priest*  
**Romans 6:10, I Peter 3:8, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 3:1-2,  
Hebrews 4:14-16, I John 1:9, II Peter 3:17-18, Psalm 103:12,  
Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23,  
I John 1:9-10**
  
- IV. *Waving His Banner Means I Pledge Allegiance to Jesus Christ As My Captain*  
**Ephesians 6:10-20, Malachi 3:1, Malachi 4:5-6, Matthew 17:10-13,  
Luke 1:76, Hebrews 12:2, I Corinthians 10:13, I John 5:13, Ephesians 2:8-9**

Conclusion: Jesus gives an invitation: "*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 finish strong? Do you want to go to heaven? Are you ready to join the Lord's team? Are you ready to run the Christian race? Are you ready to lay your burdens down at the Lord's feet? Come to Jesus!!!

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