



Grit: Week 5 - Finish!



BIG IDEA

Gritty people finish what they start.



ICE BREAKER

Share about something you're proud of finishing—big or small. What motivated you to complete it, and how did it feel when you crossed the finish line?



MAIN POINTS

- More people start things than finish things
 - There's always an excuse not to finish—finishers do it anyway
- Finishing Brings Rewards
 - When you finish what you say you'll do, you earn respect and trust
- If You're Not Intentionally Moving Forward, You're Unintentionally Moving Backward
 - Complacency happens gradually—one missed rep at a time
- Put First Things First
 - When we prioritize Jesus, everything else falls into place
- Don't Give Up
 - God is a God of both grit and grace



DISCUSS

1. Are you more of a "starter" or a "finisher"? What's one area of your life where you need to develop more finishing strength?
2. Nehemiah's "why" was to restore honor to Israel and bring back God's presence. What's your "bigger why" for something you're currently working toward? How does having a clear purpose help you push through when things get difficult?
3. Shan mentioned that finishing what we say we'll do earns respect and trust from others. Can you think of a time when someone's follow-through (or lack of it) significantly impacted your relationship with them?
4. After Nehemiah left Jerusalem, the people returned to their old ways. Why is it so easy to slip backward after progress? What safeguards can we put in place to prevent this in our own lives?
5. In which area of your life do you feel like you're unintentionally moving backward—physically, financially, spiritually, or relationally? What's one intentional step you could take this week to change direction?
6. Shan described God as having both grit (persistent love) and grace (undeserved forgiveness). How have you experienced both God's grit and grace in your own life?



NEXT STEP

What's one specific commitment you're going to finish this week? Share it with the group so they can encourage you and hold you accountable.



SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Nehemiah 6:16 When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.



NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK

Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue in the the series Grit!

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