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Sermon Title: "Get in the Game"

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Series: Gameday

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The Message:

"You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself."

1. The right focus (vs.24)

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2. The right reward (vs.25)

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3. The right training (vs.26-27)

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