

Because God Has A
Sense of Humor



A devotion for the "big kids" too

Strong to the End (by Becki Reiser)

"He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

~ 1 Corinthians 1:8

Did you ever begin a task full of energy – all the while thinking, "I can do this" – and then long before the chore was finished, you felt like quitting? I think we've all been there. It's like running in a race, but we never bothered to practice first. We get weak, our legs feel like rubber, and our lungs burn for lack of oxygen...all within the first few blocks! We find out that we're just not equipped to run, and we never make it to the finish line.

It can happen in our walk with the Lord, too. We may not always be prepared to do some form of ministry that lands in our path. It might be an unplanned opportunity to lead a Bible study, to teach Sunday School (*Kami's note: hint hint to you First Church of Christers!;*), or simply to speak a word for Christ to a visiting stranger. It's not that we can't do these things. But we do need to prepare for them, to train for the race. Then we can step out in faith and use the knowledge we have already. Read, study, listen, and pray. Then let God use us as He will.

To train for this Christian race, you must warm up, start off slowly, and then pick up the pace. Soon your endurance will grow and you'll be strong to the end, because you trained properly.

Father, keep me from losing interest in this long race to please You. Let me learn at Your feet, so I'll have the confidence I need.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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