"RUNNING THE RACE"

1. What has been your favorite experience with sports training? Why?

2. As you look back on the "good old days" in your life, were they more likely to be the hard times or the easy times?

3. What examples of men and women who have endured trials can you think of? What helped them to endure?

4. Does James view hardships as an idealist or realist? Why?

5. Who is the model athlete described in Hebrews 12:3-7? What stands out to you the most about his run?

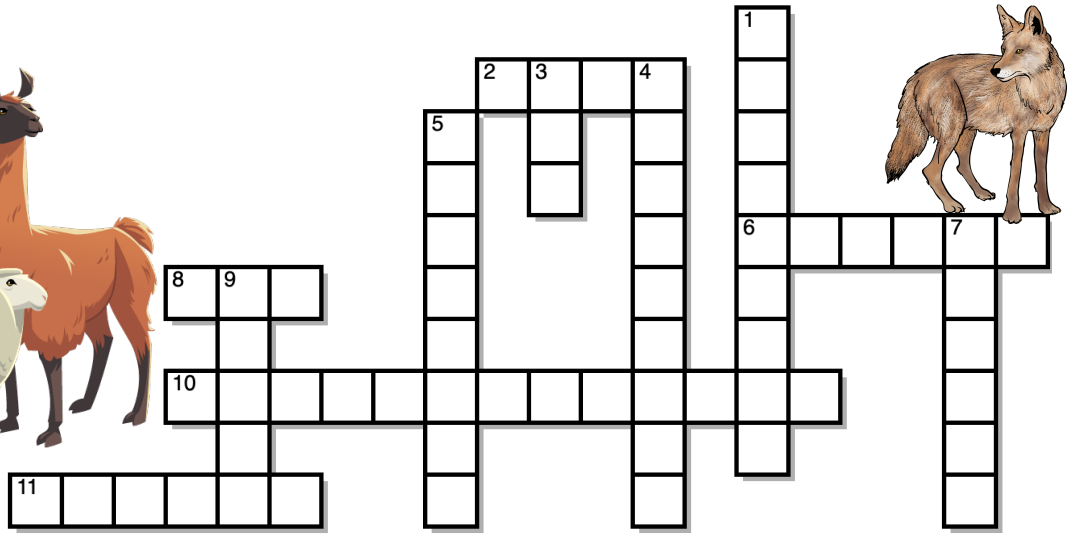
6. What is the practical difference between trials and temptations? How would you illustrate the process in verses 14-15? How is this related to the gifts from God (vv. 16-18)?

7. What does James 1:15 tell us about the consequences of sin? How and why does Satan get us to downplay this reality?

8. How is Satan like a coyote? Why should we be like llamas?

9. Concerning a trial you have experienced, what pressures did it bring on your faith? What wisdom did you gain through it?

10. What are the warning signs that you are being enticed by your evil desires? What helps you break the spell?



Across

2 "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the _____ and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me...." (Acts 20:24)
6 "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own _____." (James 1:14)
8 "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by _____" (James 1:13)
10 "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of _____" (2 Timothy 4:8)
11 After being pushed out of many of the places he began preaching at, John _____ preached in a pasture, after which ten thousand people came to hear him.

Down

1 "Blessed is the man who remains _____ under trial" (James 1:12)
3 "I do not box as one beating the _____." (1 Corinthians 9:26)
4 "let us run with _____ the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1)
5 The last name of the man who said "There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below."
7 "_____ the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)
9 Winners of the Olympic Games were crowned with wreaths made of _____ leaves.

WORD SEARCH:

Stood
Crown
Love
Tempted
Evil
Lured
Enticed
Conceived
Abraham
Job
Joseph
Daniel
Grace
Fight
Upward
Testing
Blood
Sons
Discipline
Athlete
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Llama
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