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Running To Win



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Dear Friend,

There is a story about a frustrated basketball coach, Cotton Fitzsimmons, who hit upon an idea to motivate his team. Before the game, he gave them a speech that centered around the word, *pretend*. “You guys, when you go out there tonight, instead of remembering that we are in last place, pretend that we are in first place; instead of us being in a losing streak, pretend we are in a winning streak; instead of this being a regular game, pretend this is a playoff game.”

With that, the team went onto the basketball court and were soundly beaten by the Boston Celtics. The coach was upset about the loss. But one of the players slapped him on the back and said, “Cheer up Coach! *Pretend* we won!”

Many of us appear to be winning the race of life, but perhaps it is all “pretend.” Standing before Christ, we will soon see the difference between actual victory and wishful thinking. We will see what it took to win and what it took to lose. We will discover that we were playing for keeps.

The Apostle Paul loved to use athletic contests as an analogy for living the Christian life. The famous Greek marathon and the Isthmian Games in Corinth were a ready illustration of how to run the race that really counts. We are running the race, and we are running to win.

Paul’s point is that *whatever makes a winning athlete makes a winning Christian*. If we were as committed to our walk with God as a runner is to winning, we would be ablaze for God! Think of the energy, time and money spent on sports. If we could transfer such resources to the race that really counts, we would all be winners!

Paul says he *strains* toward the goal, grasping for what lies ahead. No wasted energy; no tangents and detours. He will win because the finish line was his consuming passion. To run with such determination, we must keep our weight down (spiritually speaking), and our feet must be free from entanglements. Every expended ounce of energy is worth it.

Back in 1995, when we were praying about a daily radio program, the question arose: what should we call the broadcast? Our producer, David McCallister, and I were sitting together in my office, discussing the feasibility of such a program, and randomly sharing titles that could be used to capture its message. We hit upon the idea of ‘running the race’ because it not only represented action, but was a powerful reminder of accountability: some people were going to win the prize and some were not. We refined the concept to “Running to Win,” believing that it best described our passion to help believers run the race of life so successfully that they would hear “Well Done” from our Lord.

Today we thank God that our daily program is heard on over 100 stations, and that tens of thousands are blessed, not only in the United States, but also through Trans World Radio, in many other countries of the world. Your support and prayers are making a difference in the lives of so many!

Every day I pray for our listeners who have sent us their prayer requests. I am reminded that many of you are in deep pain, for life has been difficult indeed. I’m also reminded of the faithfulness of God, in granting strength, focus and endurance for the race. When we keep the future in sight, the present becomes bearable.

Thanks for joining us to run the one race that all of us can win.

Pastor Lutzer



Celebrating THE Joy of Changed Lives

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Heb. 12:1, NIV)

Thank you for letting us know how God is using Moody Church Radio to help you run the race. Your letters, prayers and gifts encourage us in the pursuit of our common goal: to spread the Good News of salvation in Christ as far and wide as possible!

Growing and Blossoming

Since I started listening to Moody (which is about 5 years), my relationship with Almighty God has blossomed. I’m excited over learning God’s ways more and more. It seems if God has brought something to my heart, you will always help convict me of what God wants me to know. —*Diane*

The Sunset Years

What a blessing you and Moody Church Radio Ministries are in our household. We are retired, near or in the 80’s, and entering the sunset years of our lives. Often illness and other physical afflictions keep us from worship in our local church. But then there’s the “Moody Church Hour” — inspiring and providing spiritual strength and renewal! —*Mr. & Mrs. U.*

The Teaching Pastor

I really appreciate your ministry. When I was growing up, we had a “teaching” pastor who became the standard for me. I really enjoy your tapes and services, because they continue to provide teaching — and you never stop learning. So I am encouraged with what I learn new of the Lord — every day! I especially like “One Minute After You Die.” I use it as a witnessing tool. I read it while we were with my dad as he had open-heart surgery. The Lord took him home, but what was in the book helped me with my brother, who just couldn’t accept death and a situation he couldn’t control. Thanks again. —*Karin*

You Lift Me Up

I have been a widow for over 11 years, and I can’t tell you how much I look forward to Sunday evening and “Songs in the Night.” Your messages so often touch a facet of my life or lift me up spiritually — you preach so eloquently, yet simply. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Word of God. —*Mrs. M.*

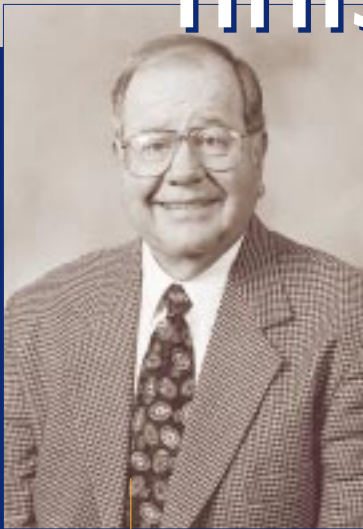
God’s Instruction Book

I give thanks that your radio ministries are heard on BBN. It has been a blessing to my life and is adding to my knowledge of God’s instruction book to me. You help me stay focused each day and to hold on to the belief and knowledge that God does answer prayer. —*Margaret*

Sunday Afternoon Chat

I am 90 years old and am no longer able to attend my local Presbyterian church, so I look forward to hearing your service on radio. Your message is so biblical and helpful for living in this confused world. My two daughters live in Northern Michigan and also listen to your program. On Sunday afternoon, we get together by phone and discuss your message. —*Litana*

A man who has finished his course....



E. Brandt Gustavson

by Pastor Lutzer

E. Brandt Gustavson was deeply appreciated here at Moody Church when he and his wife Mary lived in the Chicago area. He served as an Elder for many years, and as a choir member. He was especially known for his gift of encouragement, always trying to bring out the best in those around him. Everyone appreciated his sense of humor, and his ability to look at life through the lens of its joys and sorrows.

His life-long passion was to use the medium of radio to spread the Gospel throughout the world. While at Moody Bible Institute, he was manager of the radio department, then later he served with Trans World Radio before becoming President of the National Religious Broadcasters Association. During his ten years of leadership, he put the organization on a solid financial footing, encouraged better communication and gave NRB a new vision. In Washington, he became an advocate for religious freedom when some lawmakers wanted to place severe restrictions on religious programming.

Our own radio ministry owes a great deal to the encouragement and leadership of Brandt Gustavson. We will miss him, but rejoice that this is not “good bye” but “good night,” for we will all meet in the morning. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes’ says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (Rev.14:13). He has run the race well, and we have the privilege of following him to the finish line.

Pastor Lutzer was invited to give greetings to His Holiness Pope Shenouda III and his delegation from the Coptic Church of Egypt on May 1. In summary, here are Pastor’s remarks:

Our mutual desire is to work for freedom of religion throughout the world. When Martin Luther said, “My conscience is taken captive by the Word of God... to go against conscience is neither right nor safe...” he was saying an important Biblical Truth: no man can be forced to believe what his heart and mind denies. In other words, freedom of conscience is necessary for the spread of the Christian faith.

There are many things we can do to work together to make this world better, but that which is most important is the Gospel of Christ. We must speak again to contemporary man about his need to put his faith in Christ, the only qualified Savior who is able to reconcile us to God.

May God bless you as you visit our country, and the especially the city of Chicago.



From L to R:
Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Father
Samuel Thabet Samuel,
His Holiness Pope Shenouda III



Others are still *running*

When a loved one leaves us, it is a reminder that our own race is not yet completed. Here at Moody Church Radio, we are delighted that so many friends, like you, have taken the time to write and tell us how this ministry impacts your lives. We thought you'd be encouraged by what other listeners had to say...

Moody Church Radio is encouragement — a familiar voice to remind me I'm not alone. Admonishment and correction to stay on the narrow road. "Running to Win" is the weekday connection in the midst of a hectic time of children and demands. Although I have my personal battles, your programs help me know I'm not alone and the over-comers will receive the reward. —*Michele*

The first series Wanda and I heard by Dr. Erwin Lutzer on the radio was "Putting Your Past Behind You." We liked the series so much that we bought the cassette tape set. After listening to the tapes several times and receiving healing for our deep hurts and wounds, we elected to send the tape set to our son, "Kevin". During that time, only the Lord knew what all was going on in Kevin's life. However, partaking of drugs and practicing homosexuality were running a close race to be at the top. The truth proclaimed by Dr. Lutzer in "Putting Your Past Behind You" not only touched the hearts of Wanda and me, but Kevin's life was touched also. At that time he decided to start anew in his life by allowing God to be first. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Since then, "Running to Win" has been a vital source for our spiritual growth and to attain a closer personal relationship with our Savior and Lord, Christ Jesus. We are very thankful for God allowing us to give to such a blessed ministry. —*James & Wanda*

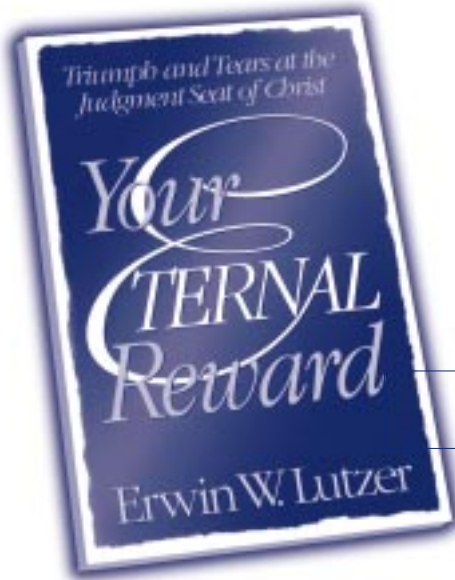
I am blessed to have your program aired on our Christian radio station because I am a single mom with two children. The testimonies, sermons and insights fuel my spiritual growth as I try to persevere in this challenge I'm enduring. I'm not very spiritually mature in the Lord, but desire for the Lord to feed me and encourage my heart as I stumble, fall, and continue to press forward to the goal before me. Thanks for your faithfulness and insights. —*Debra*

I have been listening to "Running to Win" almost every morning for the last couple of years. Alongside with my Bible it is my spiritual food for the day. I can hardly wait to get up in the morning and to hear the Word of God. Your teaching is a blessing to me. It changed my life. I am just a young Christian and I hunger and thirst for God's Word. Thank you for inspiring me. —*Stefane*

Thank you
**for praying and giving so
this ministry can continue!**

To Help You

Press On TOWARD THE Upward Call of God in Christ Jesus!

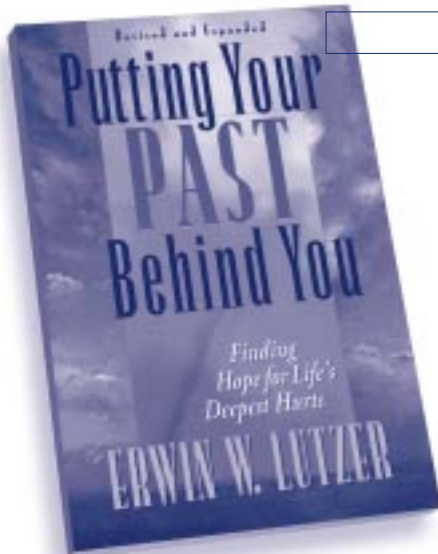


If you're like most of us, you need truth and encouragement in your daily journey of faith. These books were written to help you in your spiritual life by showing you what awaits you at the finish line, and by helping you shed the unwanted burdens of your past.

*Your Eternal Reward:
Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ*

“The judgment seat of Christ is, to our shame, almost universally ignored among Christians,” says Pastor Lutzer. This book was written to provide believers with a biblical perspective on the judgment of the believer.

Paperback, 171 pages. Price: \$11.00 (including shipping)



Putting Your Past Behind You

If you — or those you love — are scarred by past addictions, abuse, or destructive choices, this helpful book by Pastor Lutzer can set you on the path to healing.

In this valuable ministry resource, Pastor Lutzer demonstrates God's role in the healing process through vivid illustrations from the Bible and his own counseling experience.

Paperback, 163 pages. Price: \$11.00 (including shipping)

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We'd Love to See You There!

Please pray for Pastor Lutzer in his upcoming speaking engagements. If you are able to attend any of the following events, which are open to the public (unless otherwise noted), Pastor Lutzer would enjoy meeting you.

Jul 28–Aug 3 • Camp of the Woods, Speculator, NY. For reservations call: (518) 548-4311, ext. 0 or Email: Registrar@Camp-of-the-Woods.org.

Aug 6-11 • Word of Life, Schroon Lake, NY. For reservations call: (800) 965-7177.

Sep 28-29 • Promise Keepers, Charlotte, NC. For reservations call: (800) 888-7595 or www.promisekeepers.org.

Oct 5 • WEEC 40th Anniversary, Dayton, OH. For reservations call: (937) 399-7837.

Oct 18 • Evangelical Homiletic Society, New Orleans, LA. For reservations: www.evangelicalhomiletics.com.

Oct 22-30 • Pastors Conference, Minsk, Belarus (Former Soviet Union). This event is not open to the public; your prayers for Pastor Lutzer would be a blessing.

FOR YOUR INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT:

Upcoming Series on Moody Church Radio

Running to Win

July 6–July 10	“Living With Anxiety and Winning”
July 11–July 16	“Understanding Sexual Brokenness”
July 17–July 20	“The Path to Sexual Healing”
July 23–Aug. 31	Series: “Growing Through Conflict”
September 3	Interview: “What Labor Should Mean to a Christian”
Sept. 4–Oct. 19	Series: “Seven Secret Snares”

The Moody Church Hour

July 1–July 11	Series: “Finding Where You Fit”
July 29–Sept. 2	Series: “Knowing Where You’re Going”
Sept. 9–Nov. 25	Series: “When Jesus Has Your Heart”

Songs in the Night

Apr. 22–Aug. 5	Series: “Ten Lies About God”
Aug. 12–Sept. 2	Series: “The Good Shepherd”
Sept. 9–Sept. 30	Series: “Managing God’s Gifts”

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Please Join Us IN Prayer

Your prayers sustain this ministry. Please bring the following before the Lord, even as we pray for the requests you send to us:

- **Songs In The Night Recording Session:** August 20-24, all the members of our *Songs In the Night* recording team will gather in the sanctuary of Moody Church. In an intensive 5-day session, they will record six months of on-air programming for the upcoming season. Please pray for wisdom, strength and God’s presence in the midst of this strenuous schedule.
- **Promise Keepers — Charlotte, North Carolina:** September 28 and 29 will be a time of opportunity and challenge for Pastor Lutzer as he brings the truth of God’s Word to thousands of men in this exciting gathering in Charlotte. Please pray for God’s wisdom as he prepares and shares with those who have come to worship and embrace all that God wants them to be.
- **Belarus, October 24–28:** Part of the former Soviet Union will be the site of a much-needed pastor’s conference. Please pray for the outpouring of God’s Spirit on Pastor Lutzer as he brings the Word of God to those who lead the church in this needy country.

Our Staff Is Praying for You!

In April we asked you to send us your prayer requests so we could partner with you in prayer. We just want you to know your requests have been received and our radio ministry staff, along with Pastor Lutzer, are bringing your requests before the Lord. The enclosed reply slip includes room for you to share additional

prayer requests, which we will gladly bring to the throne of grace.



Will You Remember Us?

“I really believe in what you’re doing and I wish I could do more...”

Now you can do more by remembering Moody Church Radio in your will. It’s a way to ensure that your values continue long after you go to be with the Lord. Some people call it “remembering your charitable heirs.”

To find out more about how you can name Moody Church Radio in your will please contact: **Michael C. Pitts at (312) 943-0466 ext. 1009.**

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Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Memorial gifts are a special legacy offering hope to listeners of Moody Church Radio.

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