



# Bird's Eye View

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**Chapter 2:** The Picture of our Finish Line Determines How we Run

**Theme:** The picture of our finish line determines how we run pt 2.

**Key Truth:** Knowing the end from the beginning.

**Key Scripture:** *Isaiah 46:9-10*

God is the God who declares the end from the beginning. How well do we know the end from the beginning? This will determine everything about our lives now. If we want to know how a book we are reading or a movie we are watching finishes, where would we look? We would look at the end of the book or the end of the movie.

This is no different when it comes to the living Word of God. If you want to know the finish line that is in Christ, go to the end of the book and ask the Holy Spirit to open your ears and eyes to hear and see what is concealed at the end of the book for the church. It's what's at the end of the book that determines the beginning of the book.

If we don't know the end of the book, the picture of His finish line for the body of Christ, then our beginning won't be accurate and we will have a false start. When we are in a race and we make a false start, there are two options at play. We either recognise the false start and come back to the beginning or we can continue to run and get further and further away from the starting line. At some stage we are going to need to return to the original starting position, if we are to run accurately to the race that has already been set before us.

None of the disciples started their race from the right start. None of them knew who Jesus was for most part and were following Him without the ability to hear or see. It was so incredibly fortunate that Jesus was walking with them, speaking with them and making sure they weren't getting too far off track, even though they couldn't really hear Him or see what was in Him.

Jesus would lead them to the place they all needed to get to, so they could walk in accuracy and in alignment to the end picture. This took some time but they got there eventually. The picture of our spiritual finish line will determine our purpose, priorities, decisions and "whose will" will be done, while we are on earth.

Only when we can truly hear the spiritual Word and have the Holy Spirit engrave it on our hearts through His power will we know what His picture of the finish line is and start living for it. The context for the living scriptures is all determined by this picture of the finish line.

**Questions:**

1. Why is having a revealed picture of His finish line critical to our fellowship with God?
2. Why is having a revealed picture of His finish line so critical to our fellowship with one another?
3. What is His finish line?

**Action point:** What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?