

Running the Gantlet
Matthew 22:41-46

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES

- Young Adults Bible Study
- Begins September 1
- Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Allegiance - Love is committed, faithful, and loyal to its covenant.

Action - Love serves, does good, and acts on behalf of another.

Affection - Love desires the good of another and finds joy in the other.



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gauntlet = armored glove



gantlet = to challenge to a fight



to run the gantlet = to experience criticism or attacks from multiple sides

“Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

“For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—”

Psalm 22:12-13, 16

4 Movements

1. Jesus **asks**.

“Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying,

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“He said to them, ‘How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

“If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” (43-45)

“The LORD (Yahweh)
said to my Lord (Adoni) . . .” (44a)

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4. Pharisees **don't answer**.

“And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.” (46)

“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

“concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power

“according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

Romans 1:1-4

“Christ is both David’s Son and David’s Lord:
David’s Lord always, David’s Son in time.

“David’s Lord, born of the substance of his father; David’s Son, born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Let us hold fast both.”

Augustine

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2. Jesus spent time in the Psalms to **prepare**
for suffering.

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22:44 – “The LORD said to my Lord . . .” (Ps. 110:1)

26:64 – “You will see the Son of man seated at the
right hand of power and coming . . .”
(Ps. 110:1, 5)

God the Father to God the Son – Psalm 110

I will **exalt you** to my **right hand**. (1a)

- “Sit at my right hand”

I will **defeat** your **enemies**. (1b)

“I will make your enemies your footstool”

I will transform your people into **willing**
followers. (3a)

“Your people will offer themselves freely”

I will **refresh** and **sustain** you. (3b)

“from the womb of the morning,
the dew of the youth will be yours”

I will ordain you as an **eternal priest**. (4)

“You are a priest forever . . .”

I will shatter the **injustice** of the **nations**. (5-6)

“He will execute judgment among
the nations”

I will **sustain** you until you are **victorious**. (7)

“He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head”

2. We cannot **run the gantlet** successfully
if our eyes are not **on Jesus**.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

“and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

“who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

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FAITHFUL DISOBEDIENCE

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CHURCH MOVEMENT



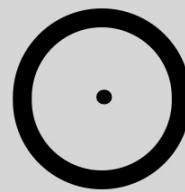
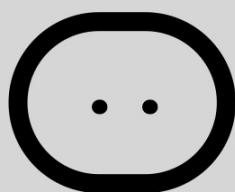


“The true church is not afraid of being homeless; the true church is afraid of being spineless.”

Jin Mingri

“My religion is not a circle with only one center. My religion is an ellipse with two foci – Christ and the nation.”

Ding Guangxun



“Real believers will oppose this double-minded ‘ellipse-ism’ which compromises both the gospel and the world.”

Wang Yi

What **pressures** are you experiencing?

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To **whom or to what** do these pressures tempt you to look?

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

“For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ . . .”

Philippians 3:7-8