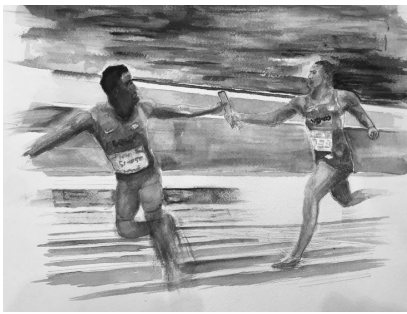


The Bulwark

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PASS IT ON...

"Back in the day" I ran the third leg in the 440 relay for the school track team that I was attending. Looking at me now, you may have some doubt. Regardless, I can recall that at the crack of the starter's pistol the my adrenaline kicked in. Even though the baton wouldn't be passed along to me until the two runners before me handed it off one to another, all the while trying to keep their speed and stride in sync. The delicate hand off of the baton is pivotal in a relay race. It is truly an anxious moment. A slight hesitation, or slip of any kind and the race could be lost, regardless of how fast a runner one may be.



In a manner of speaking, Christians are running a relay race. We are holding forth the baton of faith and the knowledge found in the pages of God's word. In keeping with a relay race and moving ever forward; we have been charged with passing the truth to the next generation. Consider what is seen in Psalms 48:12-14. *"Walk about Zion, and go around her; count her towers; consider her ramparts; go through her palaces; that you may tell it to the next generation. For such is God. Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death."*

Asaph, writes in the 78th psalm, *"I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,*

which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done." (v 2-4) Pass it forward to the next in line; the next generation and to do so without dropping it.

"Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and their children after them" (Deuteronomy 4:9)

"Into our hands the gospel is given, Into our hands is given the light, Haste let us carry God's precious message, Guiding the erring back to the right." Such is the chorus of the song we oft times sing, "Into Our Hands". But look at the opening lyrics of the song. "Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages, Swiftly the hours are changing to years; How are we using God's golden moments? Shall we reap glory Shall we reap tears?" The swiftness of a relay race, will it reap glory, or tears?

A valid question. Will we successfully pass forward the knowledge of God and His word. Taking great care not to add anything to it, nor take anything away from it. Handing it off, just as we received; pure,

without any additives, nor any subtractions. Note what is seen in Revelation 22:18-19, *"...if any one adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in the book."* See also Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Galatians 1:6-9; 1John 4:1 and dozens of other like verses throughout the Scriptures

Think back to the hymns "Into Our Hands" once again, and the following lyrics. "Millions are groping without the gospel... Shall we sit idly as they rush onward? Haste, let us hold up Christ the true light." Pass it on (wbe)

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