Prayer for Intimacy (Song of Sol. 1:4, Hebrews 12:1-2)

Background: (Job 22:21)

The Prayer (SS 1:4, John 6:44, Jer. 31:2, 3, Psa. 33:8, 9 and Lam. 3:22, 23)

a) The drawing by God (Hos. 11:4, Psa. 32:9, Jer. 31:3)

b) The first request – "draw me after you"

c) The second request – "let us run together"

The Race (Heb. 12:1-2)

Other passages: John 15, Phil. 3:7-14

Life Response

1. Try to cultivate a little more time with the Lord: one chapter of the OT, one chapter in the NT, a little more prayer about what you studied, and most importantly meditation about what you read. In addition, share with someone else what one big thing you learned. Has your intimacy with the Lord improved? It will take time!

2. Don't pray "draw me after you" unless you really mean it with all your heart, mind, and soul.

3. Pray about and identify your "encumbrances." May need the honest help of others. Confess the sins which easily entangle you. Look for help in avoiding them or the triggers for that sin. They both hinder our intimacy with our Lord.

4. May this be a week of running together with our Lord, fixing your eyes on Jesus the Author and Perfector of our faith. He is our Coach and Pacesetter He wants us to win and His help is always sufficient!