



ALL THE WAY



TO THE TAPE



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A background image of a male runner in a blue and white athletic singlet and shorts, running on a paved road. He is wearing a race bib with the number '100' and the name 'MED'. In the background, a large digital clock displays '2:08:35'. The scene is part of the 2014 Boston Marathon, with banners for '2014 BOSTON MARATHON' and 'Jennihan Hancock' visible. The text 'BOSTON MARATHON' is also painted on the ground in large yellow letters.

Colossians 4:7-18 (NJV)

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

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¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

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¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ Tell Archippus: “See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.” ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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Acts 19:25-27 (NJV)

²⁵ He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. ²⁶ And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty

Acts 19:29 (NJV)

²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together.

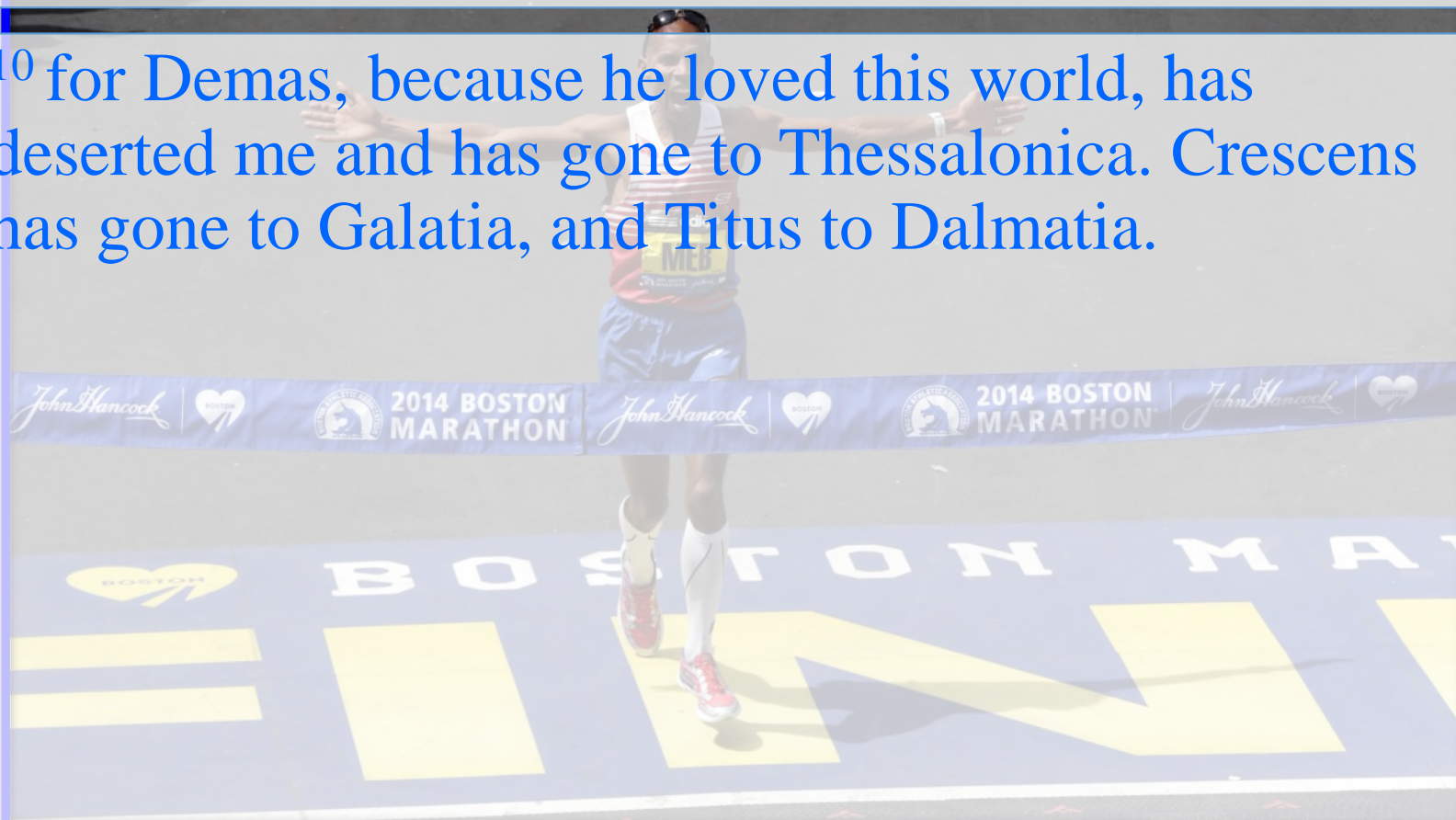


2 Timothy 4:16-17 (NJV)

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

2 Timothy 4:10 (NJV)

¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.



Hebrews 10:36 (NJV)

³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.



2 Timothy 4:7 (NJV)

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



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Galatians 2:11-12 (NJV)

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

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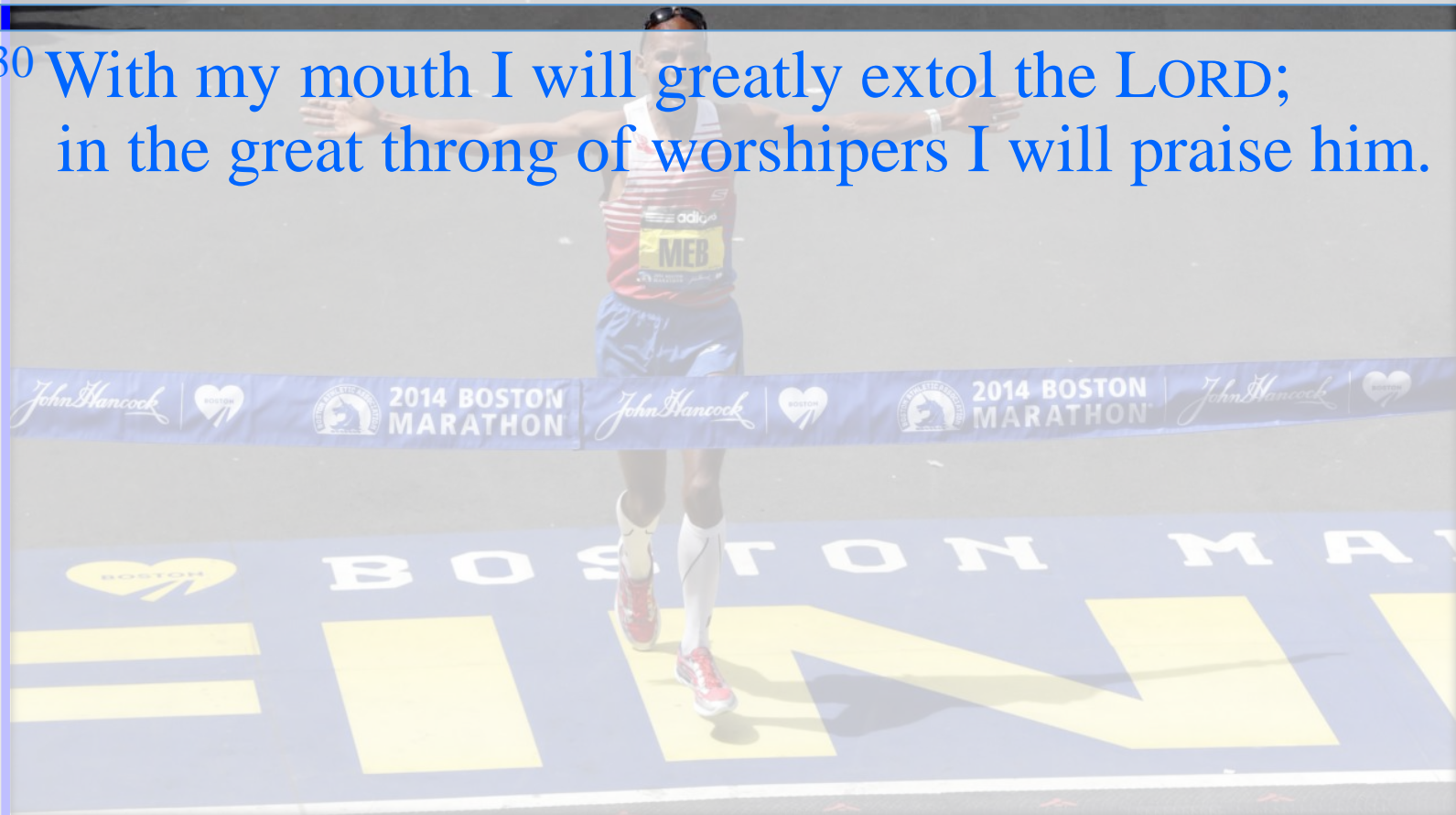


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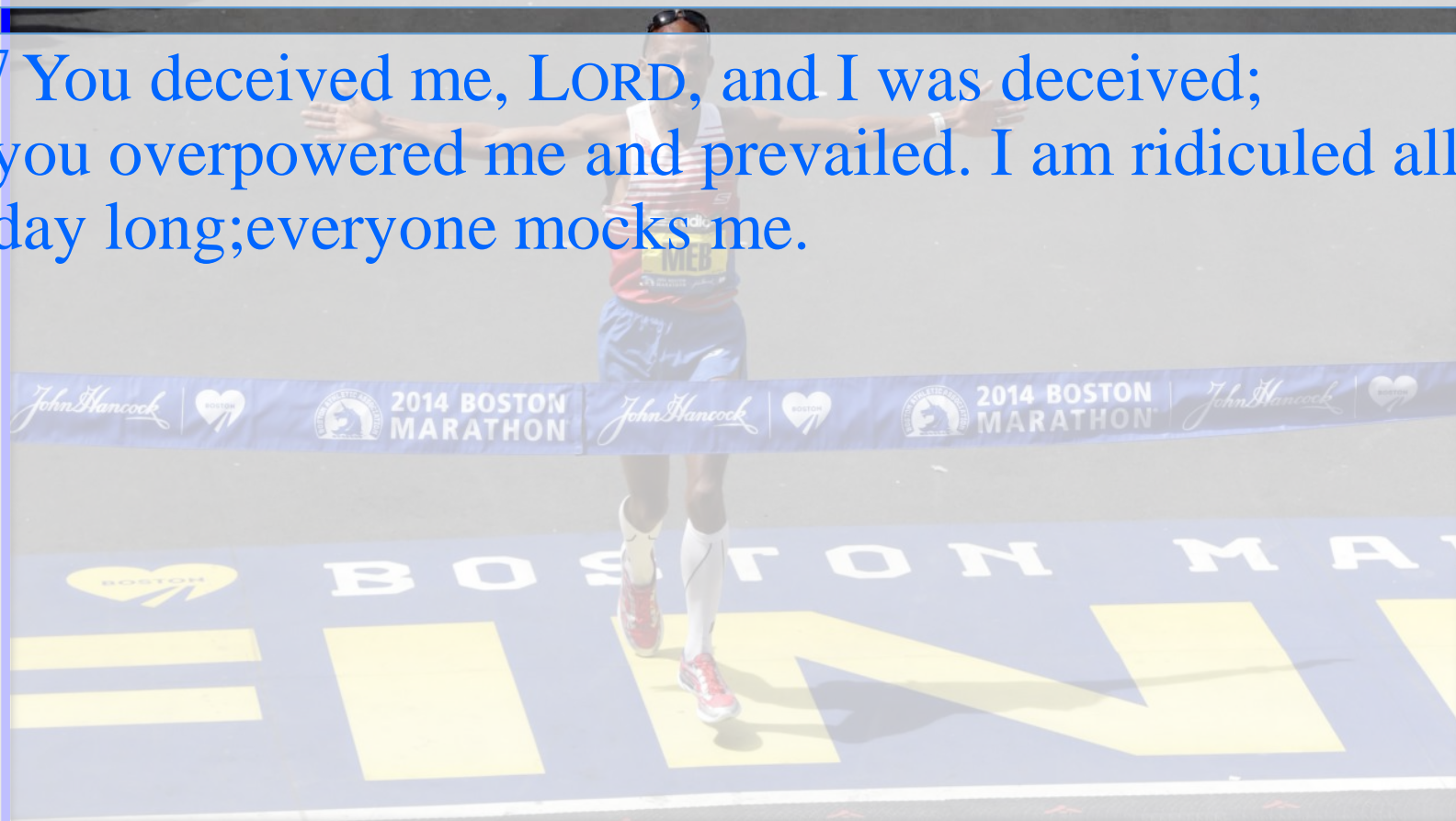
Psalm 109:30 (NJV)

³⁰ With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD;
in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him.



Jeremiah 20:7 (NJV)

⁷ You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;
you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all
day long; everyone mocks me.



Jeremiah 20:10 (NJV)

¹⁰ I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let’s denounce him!” All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him.”



Jeremiah 20:11 (NJV)

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.
They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their
dishonor will never be forgotten.



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