

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON

DON'T QUIT RUNNING

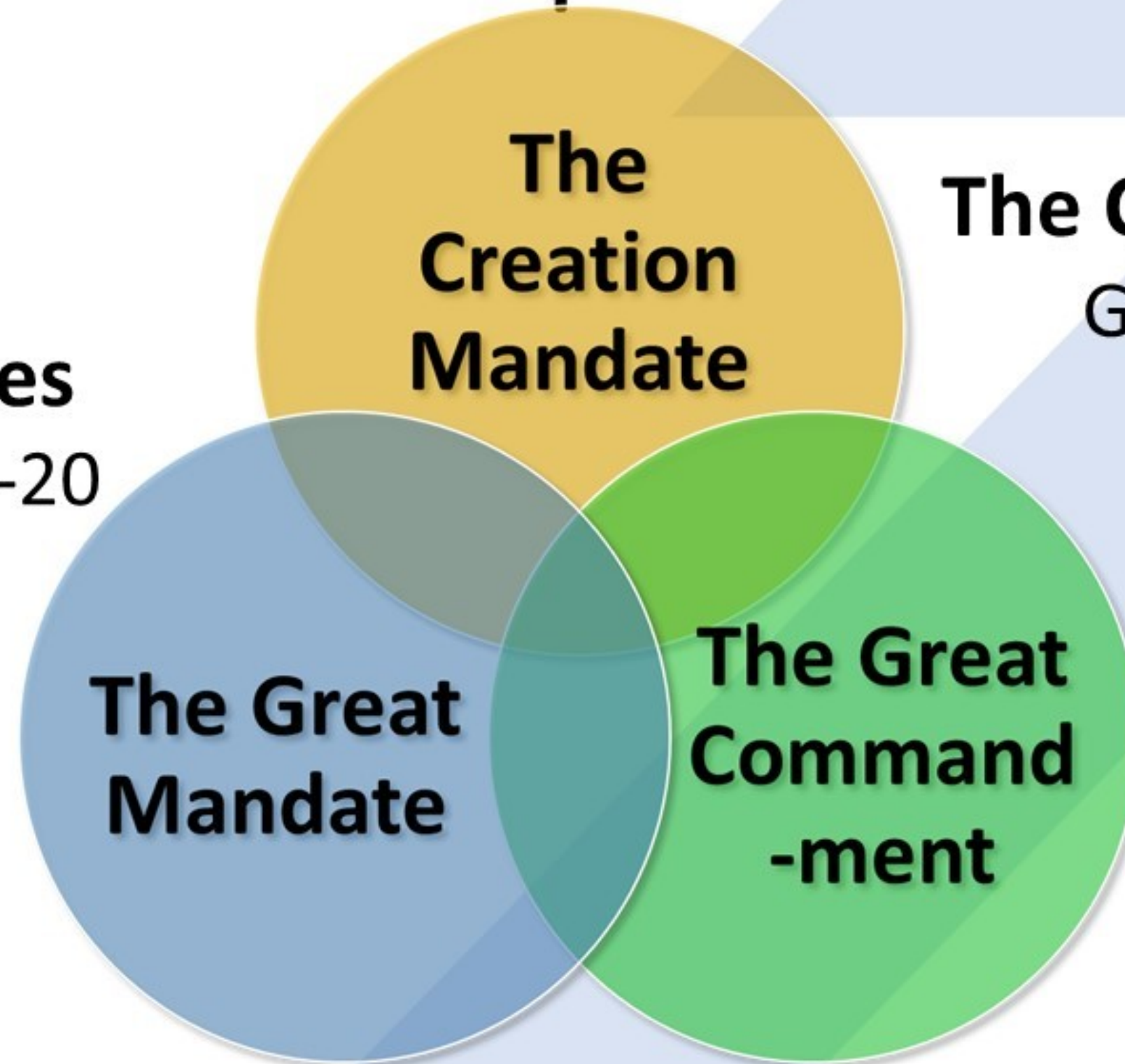
Hebrews 12:1-2

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Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

**The Call to
Make Disciples**
Matthew 28:18-20



The Call to Create
Genesis 1-2

**The Call to
Love**
Mark 12:29-31

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ROAD to 2028

- ❖ Establish a **DISCIPLESHIP** culture
- ❖ **STARFISH** ethos
- ❖ **IMPACT** society, community, nation(s)

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Don't Quit Running. Finish Your Race!

(Reflections from Hebrews)

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Hebrews Chapter 1

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

² but in these last days,

He has spoken to us by His Son,

whom He appointed the heir of all things,

through whom also He created the world.

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**God sent His Son,
Jesus – Immanuel
God with us.**

What does it mean for you?



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Hebrews 12

¹ 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, ² 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.

A low-angle, close-up shot of several runners' legs and feet as they participate in a race on a paved road. The runners are wearing various athletic shoes and socks. The background is blurred, showing other participants and greenery. A semi-transparent dark red banner is overlaid at the top of the image.

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The Race

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1 Corinthians 9:26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

- **L**ive for Jesus
- **L**ove God
- **L**ove People
- **L**ight up for Jesus



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If you are a fish and you can't swim, how la then?

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To help us finish the race, we need

1. The Encouragement

**If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go
together. ~ African proverb**

**If we want to finish the
race, we need each other.**



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To help us finish the race, we need to

2. Lay aside every sin

**Tashlich,
the Symbolic
Casting Off of Sins**



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1 Samuel 16:14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him

Genesis 4 - Cain

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.'

16 So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Ezekiel 10:18 "Then the glory of the LORD went out from the threshold of the Temple."

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Mark 2

¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, “Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



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To help us
finish the race,
we need to

**3. Lay aside
every weight**

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Mark 4:16-19

¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.

¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,

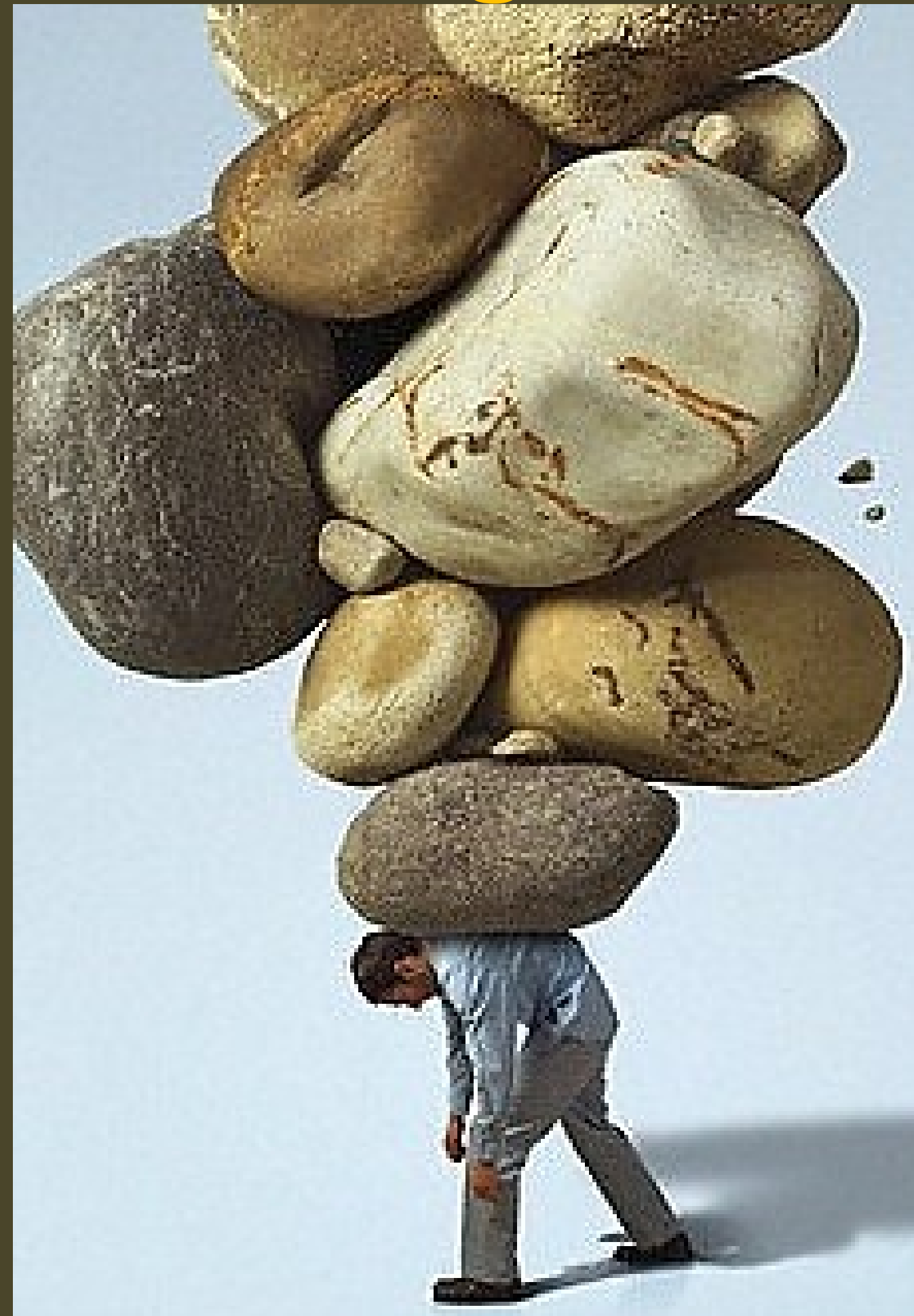
¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.



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A man with dark hair, wearing a blue ribbed sweater, is shown in profile from the chest up. He has his eyes closed and his hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, with his head bowed. The background is dark and out of focus.

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**Look to God
and pray real
hard!**

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**But maybe there
are some things
we can do that
will help.**

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To help us finish the race,

- We need the Encouragement
- We need to lay aside every sin that clings so closely.
- We also need to lay aside every weight

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