

Courageous Man And The Distractions

Cast (In order of appearance)
Announcer (Off Stage)
Courageous Man
Runners
Cora Courageous

Announcer: It's time for another adventure with: Courageous Man!

[Scene: A Father/Daughter Picnic. A race for fathers and daughters is being run. Courageous Man enters at a run and breaks the tape at the finish line. Runners Enter, pass Courageous Man and Exit]

CM: Great race, everybody! Sorry I won again, but I am a comic book hero, and besides, my family came in first **and** last so it's all in good sport, right? [CM is reminded of something (like a missing daughter?) and looks back down the track] Speaking of which, where is Cora?

Cora: [Enters holding (an imaginary, invisible) butterfly.] Dad look! It was just back there by the bushes. I think its wing is broken!

CM: [Comes over to have a look and examines the *butterfly* carefully.] No, I think it'll be just fine. Set it down here and it will probably fly off in a moment.

Cora: [Sets the *butterfly* down and they both watch as it flies off] Oh look! You were right! I'm so glad!

CM: Would you like to get some soda? Racing makes even Courageous Man thirsty!

Cora: The race! Oh no! I forgot all about it when I saw the *butterfly*! I'm so sorry!

CM: Oh, don't worry about it. The bad thing about being a comic book hero is that you always win races against non-comic book heroes. It gets a bit embarrassing.

Cora: But I wanted to win!

CM: If you really want to win a race, Cora, you have to keep your eye on the prize. Which, now that I think of it, makes an excellent object lesson!

Cora: [Aside] Oh-oh, Dad's got a million object lessons, which is when you do something little to demonstrate something else that's probably a big thing. I'll bet this has something to do with serving Jesus, though, so we'd better listen.

CM: The book of Hebrews in the Bible has a great example of what serving Jesus is like, and it happens to be a lot like this race. Look at all the people who came to watch the race: they're like the people who have gone before us and watch what we are doing (and cheer us along!). The people serving Jesus right now are the runners. Just like runners in a race can't have things tied around their legs, or they won't run very fast, the one who wants to serve Jesus can't keep on sinning because it holds you back. What reminded me of the book, however, is what happened to you in this race. When you became distracted by the *butterfly* you stopped running. So what happened?

Cora: I came in last!

CM: Right! And if we get distracted while serving Jesus, what happens?

Cora: We come in last?

CM: In a way, yes. There are rewards for serving well, and we lose rewards when we become distracted and stop serving as we should. So, what's the answer?

Cora: Like you said, "keeping our eyes on the prize." Right?

CM: Right! And what is the prize?

Cora: Um, I don't know.

CM: To hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." To please Him! What we have to do is like the Bible tells us: we have to keep our eyes on Jesus!

Cora: But how do we do that?

CM: We keep our eyes on Jesus when we continue to learn about Him and obey and serve Him.

Cora: And when we get distracted?

CM: Just get back in the race and try to keep your eyes on Jesus.

Cora: Well, all I know is that's one race I don't want to finish last!

CM: Neither do I!

Announcer: Remember, keep your eyes on the prize! Ask your camp counselor about our example. And come back tonight with your parents for the final adventure of: Courageous Man!

The End