



August 31 – Try (clips from Zootopia)

If you scored yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 -- 1 being “I never leave my house” to 5 being “I know no fear!”, where would you put yourself on the scale of being willing to try something you’ve never done before? Do you only try things you know you can succeed at? Join us this weekend as we take a lesson from someone very small who won’t let the world’s judgements or risk of failure stop her! Maybe we can learn something from her!

Scripture:

I Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT

⁴ Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

¹² I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Questions:

- When was the last time you tried something new? What was it? How did things go? When was the last time you tried something new that scared you? What was it? How did it go?
- How do you feel about trying? About failing? Are you allowed to fail? Or do you tell yourself there’s no failing? How might this hinder you if you don’t allow yourself to try and fail at things?
- When it comes to your faith journey – do you try? Or do you say you want to try, but then don’t? What gets in the way? When was the last time you tried something new in your faith journey?

Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** Colossians 3:23-24
- **Tuesday:** Ecclesiastes 9:10
- **Wednesday:** Jeremiah 17:7-8
- **Thursday:** Isaiah 43:18-19
- **Friday:** Joshua 1:9