

## Who's Got Your Back?

### Teamwork Can Change My Life (part 4)

Contending  
as a team of athletes  
in perfect cooperation

Philippians 1:27 Wuest



### ❖ Act Like What I Am

Above all, you must **live as citizens of heaven**, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Philippians 1:27 NLT

### ❖ Give 100%

Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you **stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man** for the faith of the gospel Philippians 1:27 NIV

**Battling** with a single mind Phillips

You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. **You're after one that's gold eternally.** 1 Corinthians 9:24 Msg

### ❖ Fail to Be Intimidated

**without being frightened in any way** by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. Philippians 1:28 NIV

Your **courage and unity** will show them what they're up against Msg

This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. **This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.** Ephesians 6:10 Msg

### ❖ Embrace Problems as a Privilege

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to **suffer for him**, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. Philippians 1:29-30 NIV

For you have been given not only **the privilege** of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. NLT

There's far more to this life than trusting in Christ. There's also suffering for him. And the **suffering is as much a gift** as the trusting. Msg

You are struggling side by side  
to get others to believe the good news.

Philippians 1:27 CEV