

# **RACE WITH JOY ACTS 20:24** ©2015 DianaDee Osborne page 1 of 2

## **LYRICS**

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### *ACTS 20: 24*

*"None of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself: So that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I receive from the LORD Jesus, >>>> to TESTIFY TO THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD."*

#### **1**

No problems shall move me! Nothing shall cause doubt or fear!  
Hardship, sorrow won't stop me, NOR do I count my life dear.  
So with JOY I run God's race. With Him, I'll finish!  
I'll finish God's ministry that God honored to me  
to tell ALL the World of  
God's gift Grace: His gift to us!  
RACE WITH JOY to share God's true Gospel, Acts 20: 24.

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#### **2**

I'll hold fast in all things. I shall endure affliction.  
I shall choose to fight God's fight, AND God will help me keep the faith.  
So with JOY I run God's race. With Him, I'll finish!  
I'll finish God's ministry that God honored to me  
to tell ALL the World of  
God's gift Grace: His salvation!  
RACE WITH JOY to share God's true teachings. Second Timothy 4 warns.

#### **2nd Timothy 4: 1-2**

"I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3

I'll let none weigh me down. I will set aside each weight.  
I won't give up in God's fight TO teach God's Truth of Death and Hell.  
So with JOY I run God's race. With Him, I'll finish!  
I'll finish God's ministry that God honored to me  
to tell ALL the World of  
Christ Jesus, who said Hell's real.

RACE WITH JOY to share God's whole commands. Hebrews Chapter 12's race.

### **2nd Timothy 4: 3-5**

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

### **Hebrews 12: 1-3**

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him [Jesus] who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

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### **Song Story.**

Yet another evidence of The Holy Spirit's guiding, I confidently declare. (1) On Facebook, I saw a poster quoting Andrew Bonar. (2) I looked Bonar up, decided to buy the “DIARY AND LETTERS” of a fellow journalist & God-Lover, though we're separated by 3 centuries. (3) First words I read when flipping thru book the day it came:

Page 45, Bonar's prayer for wisdom that's been my prayer-- whether God's calling us “***only to commence***” a work “***and that other instruments will be raised up***” to continue / complete the work-- sharing God's Words to the listeners. (4) On 2nd day, I flipped to same page, but the paragraph above, and saw we shared a question of whether it “may be right to leave a people” (church).

Bonar said that Acts 20:22 seemed to be an answer. When I looked it up, I found MUCH comfort... and a prayer song... in verse 24.

**God's words, God's song. In God's empowering.**