

DO HARD THINGS
January 22, 2012
Marathon Mindset

1. What are some of the things in our everyday American culture that produce impatience in you? How are your expectations tied into this?
2. In Genesis 15, God gives Abraham a plan where he promised to give birth to a nation that would start from a child born from Sarah, his wife. READ Genesis 16:1-12. What do you think are some of the reasons that caused the plan to get off-track?
3. READ Genesis 17:15-19. Why was the 'Ishmael Plan' more attractive to Abraham? How do you see his motives relate to the temptations we face in ministry in church? How about specifically at 360 – what persuasions do you think we will have to fight?
4. READ 1 Corinthians 16:5-7. How does verse 7 produce and inspire in us a marathon mindset in ministry?
5. REVIEW Galatians 6:9. As a church family, how important do you find these words to accomplish the heart of God. In what practical ways do you think that we have a chance to be unique in our approach to reaching others – within the 4 walls, and in the community? Talk specifically how this might look.