

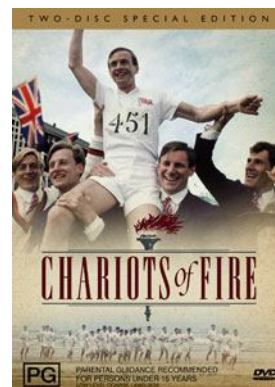


## Chariots of Fire

This one is quite an old film now but will be new to many young people. The true story of a Christian missionary Eric Liddell and the Jewish Howard Abrahams, both driven with a passion to run and a determination to succeed. Liddell doesn't run on Sundays because of his faith and because of it he almost doesn't make the finals. Young people can't fail to be impressed by the gruelling training schedules of the 2 men and their intense dedication and perseverance – and of course the inspirational theme tune.

In the Bible look at 2 Timothy 4:7 – 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'

And at 1 Corinthians 9:24 – 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.'



### Discussion Questions:

How are the 2 men alike and different?

Did the story end the way you expected?

Paul says we should run as if to get the prize. What does he mean by that? Timothy talks about finishing the race. Why is that important?

What do you think about Eric refusing to run on a Sunday?

Why was it important to him?

Would it have been easier for him to just run on Sundays?

What do you do – or not do – on Sundays

Why?

