

Run for Bibles athletes fired up

"Don't pause when you run for a cause."

This was the motto Douw Prinsloo formulated while he was running this year's Comrades Marathon.

It was Douw's fourth Comrades and the second one running for Bibles.

"I am very excited about the *Run for Bibles* project. It affords me the opportunity to support the Bible Society and in so doing to make a difference in other people's lives. Every kilometre that I run means that someone's life can possibly be changed. This is really what it is all about for me," said an enthusiastic Douw.

And if there is one thing that can change people's lives, it is the Word of God.

"The Bible is truly very important to me. It is the basis of my life. As a born-again Christian, it is the foundation of who I am and why I live every day," Douw added.

Another person who ran for Bibles during his 24th Comrades was Johannes Magudulela.

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and consequently I gladly help the Bible Society with Bible Distribution," Johannes said. He added that almost half of the races he had run were in support of the Bible cause.

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"One must expose yourself to God's Word because the world is so corrupt and without the Bible you won't survive. You will overcome with the Bible. Nobody will run or fight without the correct armour, and the Bible is like your armour. If you arm yourself with the Bible, you will attain the victory."

Johannes also organises races in and around his home town to raise funds for Bibles and to create awareness about the Bible Society.

"It is rather funny when athletes who have won expect money and receive a Bible as a prize instead. I would much rather give someone



a Bible that could lead him or her to eternal life as opposed to money which is temporary and cannot heal one's wounds."



Comrades legend, Louis Massyn, who ran his 45th Comrades Marathon this year is counted among the Bible Society's Run for Bibles athletes. Louis said: "It is a privilege for me to be a part of the Bible Society and to raise funds for them. I have already raised R10 000 for Bibles so far this year, and hope that this will help put Bibles in the hands of many people."

