

# Righteousness II



“Be perfect, therefore, as your  
heavenly Father is perfect.

– Christ

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An illustration



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doing things God's way.

If you participated in a **marathon**,  
you will find out that the field already  
has **running tracks**.

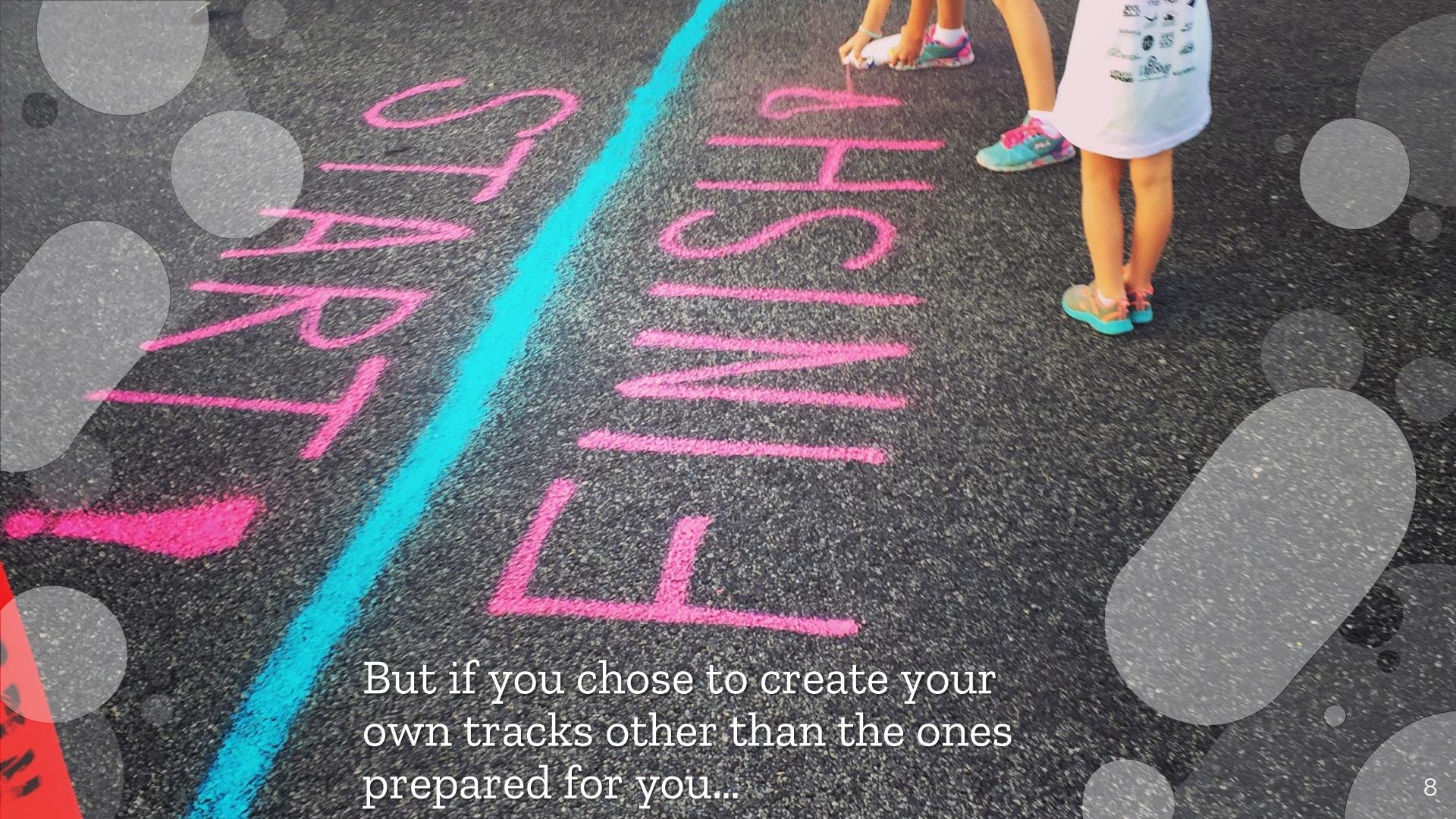


When you run in these tracks,  
the crowd will **cheer** for you,  
a **reward** will await you.



And if you won you will  
be awarded a **medal**.





But if you chose to create your own tracks other than the ones prepared for you...

A photograph showing the lower half of a runner from behind, wearing dark shorts and running shoes. They are running on a paved road with a bright yellow center line. The road stretches into a vast, open landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky. Large, semi-transparent white circles of varying sizes are scattered across the image, some overlapping the runner and the sky.

You might even run better than  
those running in their prepared  
tracks...

A photograph of a man sitting on a set of stone steps. He is wearing a light grey hoodie and shorts, and is holding a small device in his hands. To his left, a white folding chair stands next to a wooden post. A white sign is attached to the post, with the text "SIGN UP AGAIN TODAY!" in bold capital letters and "DISCOUNTED PRICES" below it. Behind him, several bags and backpacks are scattered on the steps. In the background, there's a large stone building and some industrial-looking structures. The ground is paved with large tiles.

SIGN UP  
AGAIN  
TODAY!

DISCOUNTED  
PRICES

Yet **no crowd** will cheer for  
you, nobody will be at the  
end of the track to award  
you a medal.

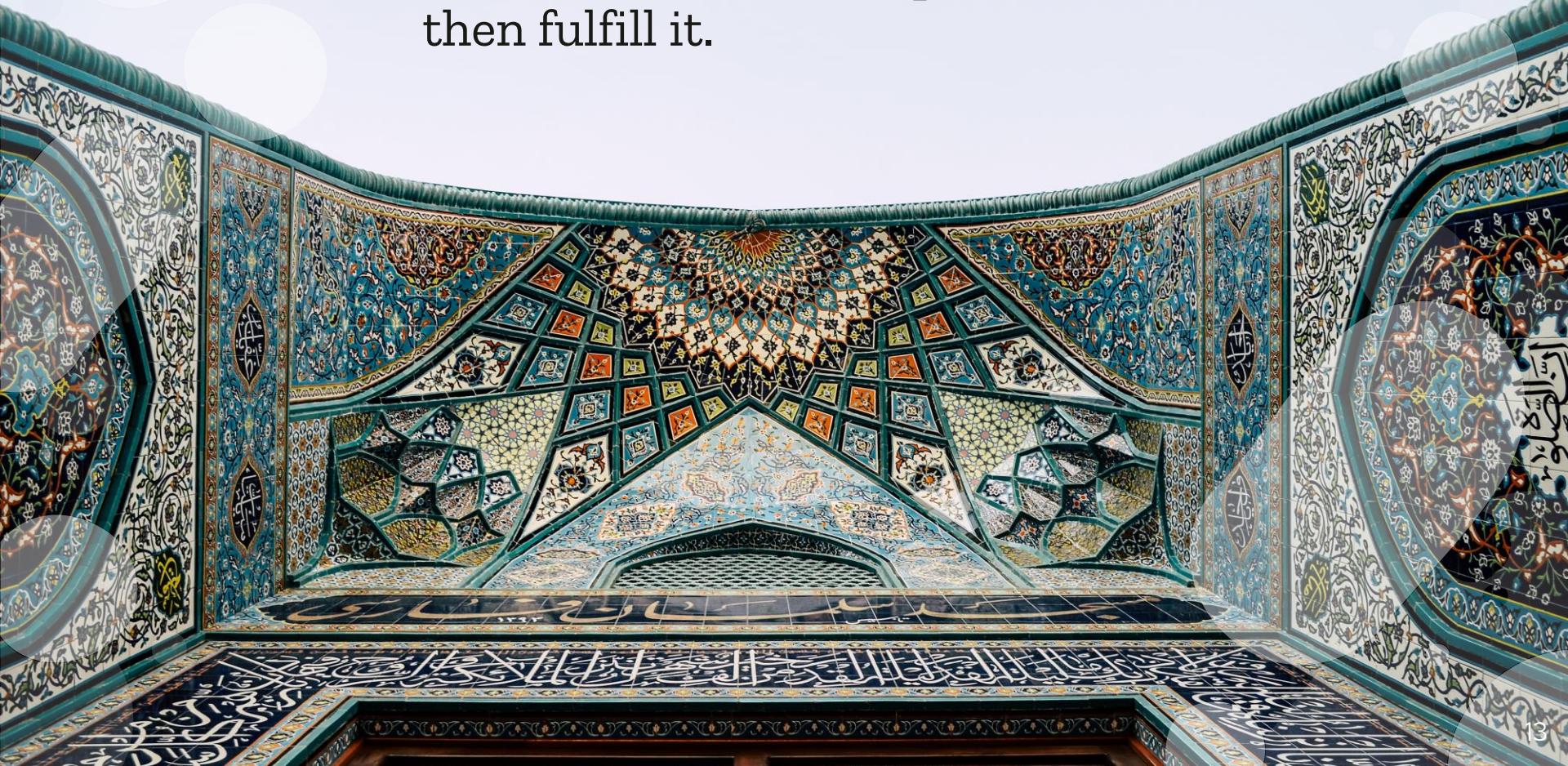


And so it is with **righteousness**.



God had a **plan** before creating  
the world, creating you, and  
then bringing you into it.

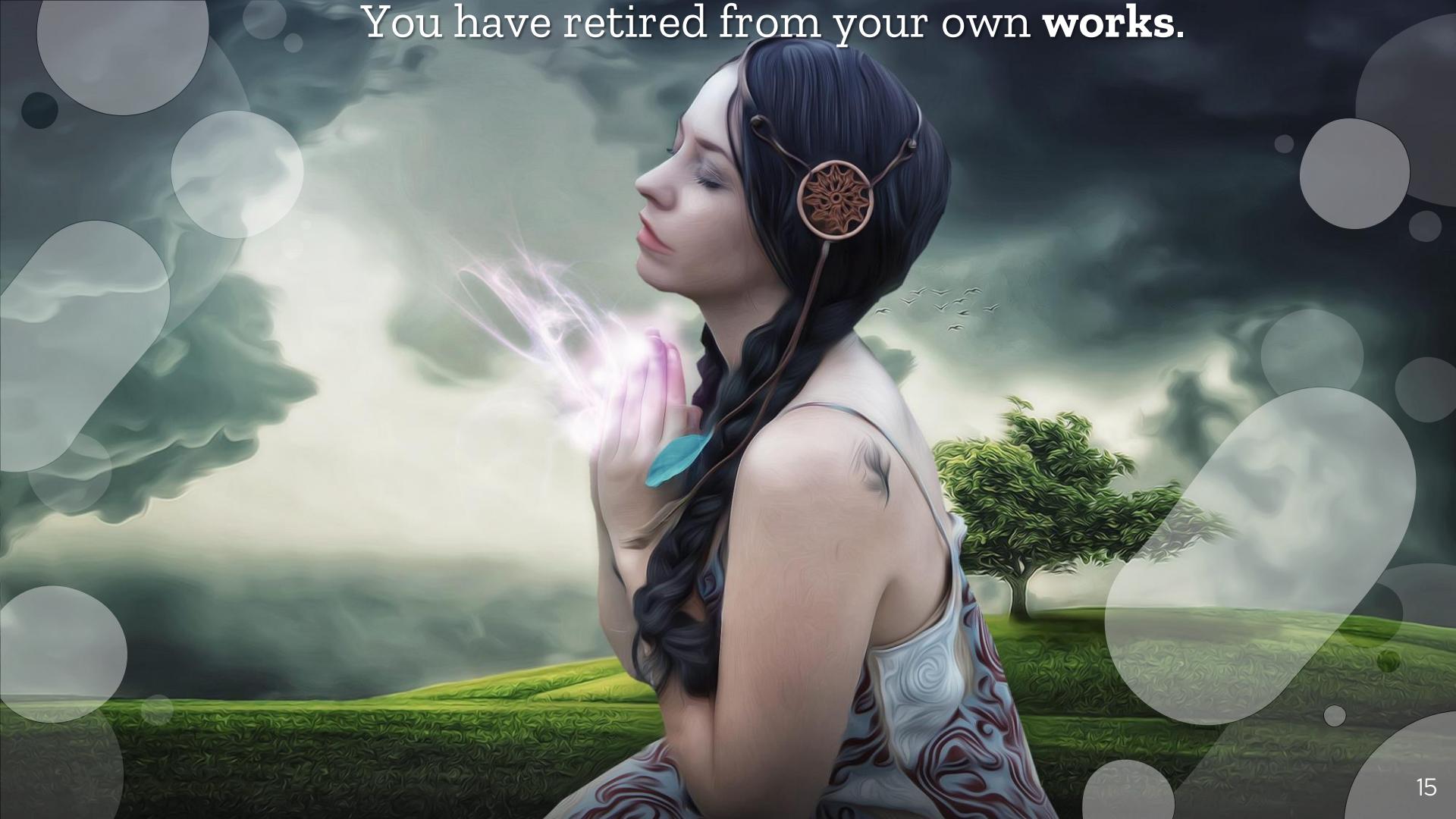
You are to seek God's plan and  
then fulfill it.





When you live like this, you have taken your **rest in God** — you are fulfilling the **righteousness of God**.

You have retired from your own **works**.



But when you fail to seek the will of God, and rather, come up with an **agenda** for yourself, all by yourself...





You end up being busy with  
many things with no real  
**spiritual value.**

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a lush green forest. A woman with curly hair and red lips is floating face-up in the center of the river. She is wearing a light-colored, flowing dress. The river has several small, rocky islands. The surrounding forest is dense with various shades of green trees.

Your flesh will grow **weak**, your  
body will return to the **ground**,  
and then you will have nothing  
to **account** for.

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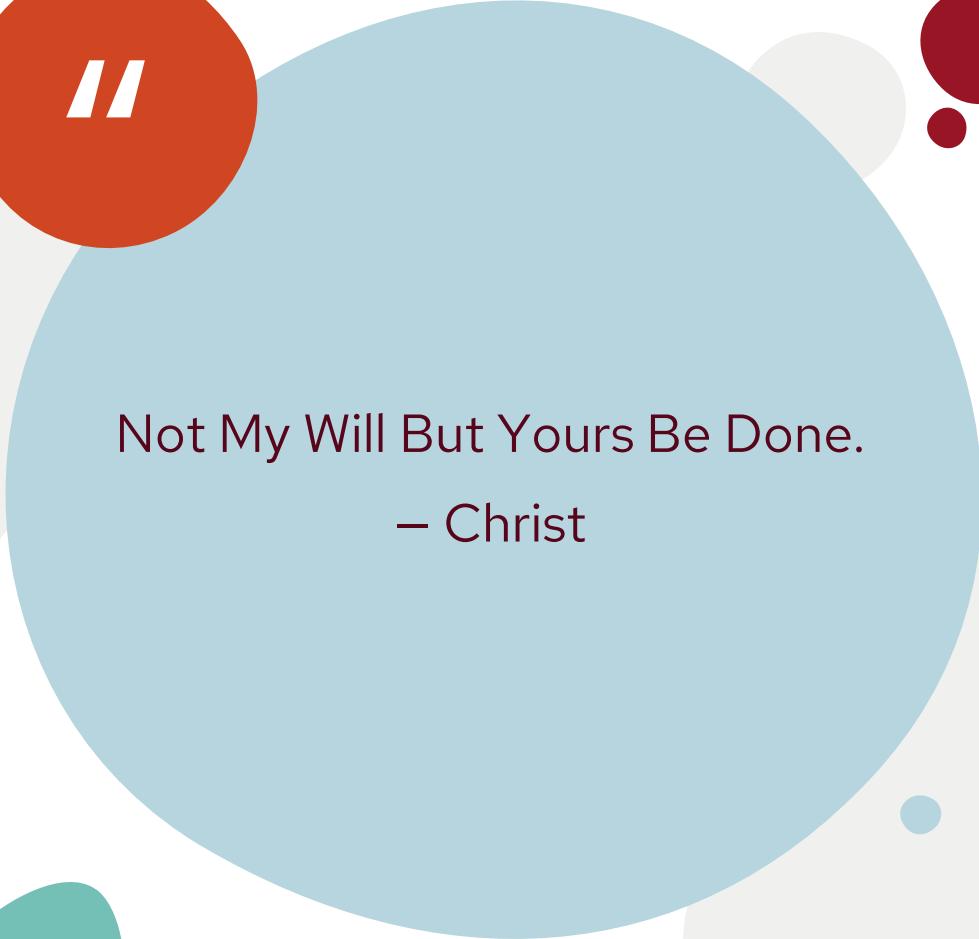
How to practice it?

Ask God for your **daily bread**. Your daily bread is to know the will of God and doing it.



Surrender your will, desires, to God,  
**daily**, so that God can use them to  
guide you.





Not My Will But Yours Be Done.  
– Christ

A young girl with brown hair and blue face paint is smiling and making a peace sign with her right hand. She is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt under a yellow safety vest. Her vest has a race bib with the text "XX Milha Riberinha da Baixa da Banheira" and the number "445" on it. At the bottom of the vest, it says "ATLETISMOITA". She is also wearing a yellow t-shirt with a blue logo featuring three stylized figures and a sun. The background shows a park-like setting with trees and other people.

And when God's will is revealed lose  
no time to act on it. God gives you  
more when you do something with  
little.



# Thanks!

# Vocabularies

## agenda

a list of things to be considered or done.

## carve

to create (something) by cutting into a surface.

## retire

to move away from action or danger.

## marathon

a running race that is about 26 miles (42 kilometers) long.