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  - a. Ask for God's forgiveness by \_\_\_\_\_  
1John 1:9
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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

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We keep our eyes on the prize.

We run for the same prize that Jesus ran for: to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
The prize for our victory in the Race of Faith is \_\_\_\_\_

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  - a. Ask for God's forgiveness by **faith in Christ**.  
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  - b. **Repentance** begins with a change of heart/mind and results in a change of behavior.  
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### **B. Perseverance**

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We run for the same prize that Jesus ran for: to **exalt God**.

The prize for our victory in the Race of Faith is **eternal**.

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