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**There is a race marked out for us by _____...
who is the author of our stories.**

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1b-2a NIV

Our race is marked by a series of _____ not _____

When you are looking for a role you are focusing on yourself, when you are pursuing a goal you have to die to yourself.

Our roles come from our Goals

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22 NIV

We need the Goals, but they rarely work out in the way we imagine.

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:9 NIV

As we hold on to Jesus, he guides us through the ups and the downs of real life.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:3b-4 NIV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

We will discover our story, as we trust that Jesus is at work even through the _____ times.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 NIV

Our story gradually comes into focus through our lives, but will only fully make sense on the other side of eternity.

Both the arrogant and the despairing overlook what God alone must do. They forget the mystery at the heart of calling as well as identity. God calls and, just as we hear him but don't see him on this earth, so we grow to become what he calls, even though we don't see until heaven what he is calling us to become.

OS Guinness

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

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