

## Finish The Race

### Description

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Bill Iffrig had been running for years; he had taken up the sport to improve his health. At age 78, Iffrig was one of the older runners in the 2013 Boston Marathon. As he neared the finish line, the blast from one of the bombs that exploded on that infamous day blew him off his feet.

Millions of television viewers witnessed Iffrig's terrible fall to the pavement and wondered if he had been hit by flying shrapnel. They would learn that though he had not been seriously injured, the shockwave of the blast had knocked Iffrig down just short of the finish line.

After being helped to his feet, Iffrig walked the last steps to the finish line, coming in second in his age group. "After you've run 26 miles, you're not going to stop there," he told reporters.

Perseverance is about finishing the task. It's about focusing on the finish line regardless of what adversity, setbacks, or challenges we may encounter.

As Bill Iffrig knows very well, only those who finish earn trophies. Persevere. Finish well, even if you've been slowed to a crawl.

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