These passages evoke 3 questions. . . .

For what am I STRIVING
In what do I BOAST?
Where do I find DELIGHT/PLEASURE/JOY?

The 1981 Academy Award winning movie "Chariots of Fire" in its telling of the 1924 Olympic stories of two men, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell powerfully evokes these same questions. Exploring their stories can help us explore our own . . .

Harold Abrahams VS. Eric Liddell





Gospel Shadows in Chariots of Fire

Sunday, July 10

Today's Scripture Reading . . .

Ecclesiastes 2:9-11

9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Psalm 34:1-3, 8-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.