

¹ Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that
in the last times some will turn away
from the true faith;

1 TIMOTHY 1

4:1A NLT

THE CONCERN IS THAT MANY OF US
THAT START WELL
AND HAVE A GOOD WALK WITH GOD
WILL NOT FINISH THE RACE.



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WHAT YOU SHOULD
EXPECT AS YOU
TRAIN FOR; AND
ON, RACE DAY? ←←

⁸ “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. ¹⁰ This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

1 TIMOTHY

4:8-10 NLT



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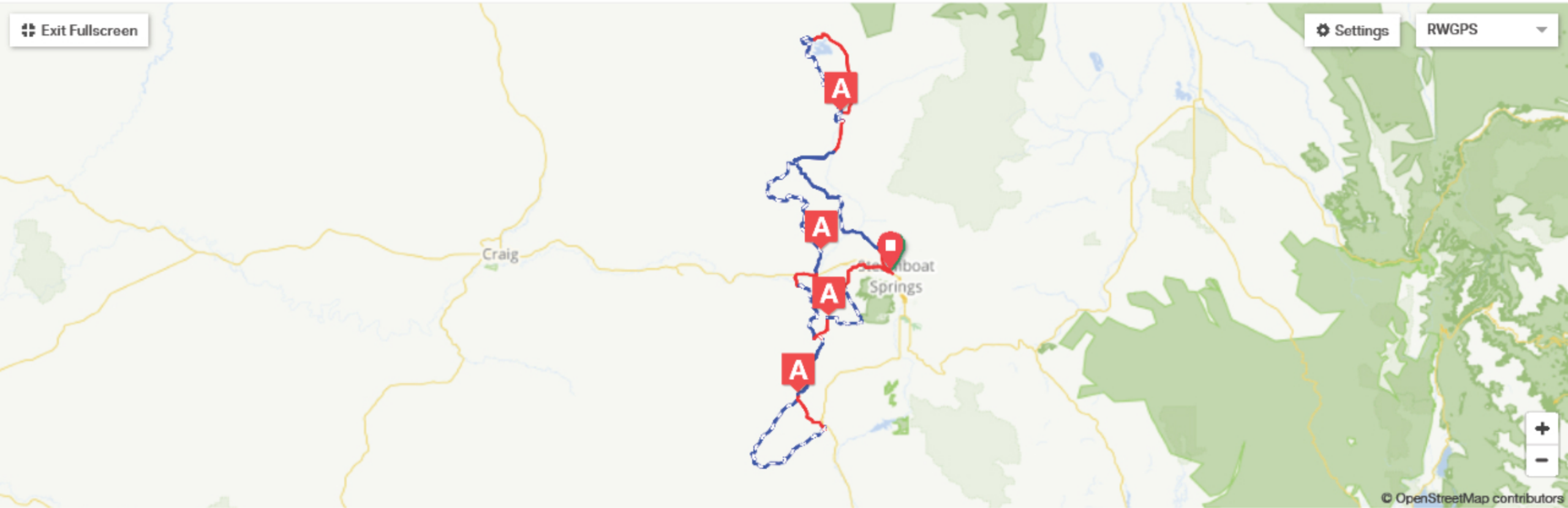
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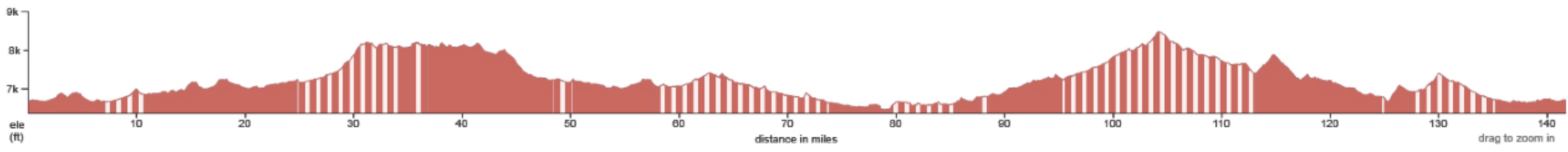
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SOME THINK STRUGGLING IS A

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× SIGN OF WEAKNESS,

BUT STRUGGLING IS A SIGN YOU

ARE TRAINING,

THAT YOU ARE WORKING,

THAT YOU ARE MOVING FORWARD. ↑↑

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**A FEW PRINCIPLES
OF THE STRUGGLE.**



WHO ARE WE STRUGGLING
AGAINST?

EPHESIANS

6:12 NIV

WHO ARE WE STRUGGLING AGAINST?

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



WE ARE NOT ALONE AS WE
STRUGGLE.

ROMANS

7:21-25A NLT

**WE ARE NOT ALONE AS WE
STRUGGLE.**

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my

ROMANS

7:21-25A NLT

**WE ARE NOT ALONE AS WE
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mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WE ARE NOT ALONE AS WE STRUGGLE.

⁴² “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” ⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.



THE VICTORY IS WORTH
THE STRUGGLE.

ROMANS

8:35B-37 NLT

THE VICTORY IS WORTH THE STRUGGLE.

Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

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AREAS OF OUR LIVES
WE CAN STRUGGLE
THAT GOD DESIRES
TO HELP US GROW.



IT IS A STRUGGLE TO
TRULY LOVE PEOPLE.

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IT IS A STRUGGLE TO
BE A DISCIPLE AND
AN EVANGELIST.

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WRONG.

¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!

¹⁸ I will go home...””

LUKE

15:17-18A NLT