

## Essay from the Bold Pastor

### #31 –This is the sportsmanship! –

There was an amazing scene at the track and field women's 3200 meter final race which was held in Ohio on June 5. The incident happened when one of the runners Arden McMath ran out of energy and fell down 20 feet before the finish line. A her foe, Meghan Vogel who was running right behind her caught up and held her up and supported her as they ran to the finish line together.

This was an official state final race and every runner was running with the intent to finish better than their expectations. The surprising behavior of Vogel moved the audience and was welcomed by a large applause. The closer they approached the finish line the louder applause became, but that was not all.

Right before they reached the finish line, Vogel surprisingly pushed her and let her finish ahead. By an official rule, if a runner helps the others, they both should be disqualified. But Ohio officials approved their entry and finishing order due to its very amazing story. McMath states "she was there when I blacked out and fell down and said 'you go ahead.'" God says

**"In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you, I will keep you" Isaiah 49:8**

When we struggle or fail in life, Christ stands out there and helps make us go ahead so let's believe in Christ.

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