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David Blachly and Jim Fischmann, 1960s Eastern Nazarene College alumni with long careers of exemplary Christian service, both crossed over this week, leaving us memorable legacies. Memorial services honoring Jim are scheduled in Pennsylvania for Monday April 8th [REDACTED] memorial services honoring David have taken place in Indiana [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] You can view and write in their memory book both places. Our heartfelt prayers are with friends and families of both David and Jim. Yesterday we wrote a memorial tribute to Jim, sending it to many of Jim's ENC/Boston Chapel coworkers. Today we want to share with you a memory of extraordinary courage we have always retained of David:

A Chemistry student while in college at ENC, David Blachly was also a long-distance runner, running with some of the all-time Boston Marathon greats in road races and other competitions. David's usual running partner in practice and competition was our fellow ENC classmate Bob Zollinhofer, who placed 18th in the 1961 Boston Marathon. A memory I want to share with you is of David Blachly competing in a race meet, racing over a several mile distance held on a cinder-covered oval track. David's internal strength and courage I witnessed that spring day more than 50 years ago I have never seen surpassed in any racing competition.

After running several miles in completing many laps racing over the cinder-covered oval track, foot blisters on David's feet broke open, and began to bleed. Before long the blood began seeping through to the outside of David's new Adidas. Each time he ran near past the spectators, we could hear the rhythmical cadence of squish, squish, squish from each racing footstep. David persevered on, resolutely. Have you ever experienced a pain in your side while running? That is what next happened to David – severe pain in his left side causing him to double up, causing him to bend over, continuing running with his upper torso parallel to the ground. And he never gave up; he never quit. David completed the race; he went the distance, the whole distance...

I can't begin to tell you what lasting and inspirational affect David's exemplary paradigm has had on me. I have told this story of David many times over the years, often using it as an illustration in sermons. I am assured today that that fortitude and courage inside David Blachly when an ENC Chemistry student served him well during his long years of African missionary and military service. With prayerful thanks, I'll never forget -- he never gave up;

he never quit. Thank you, David.

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