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***RUN* the Novel**

Tyler Higgins made some blunders and burned some bridges. Can he build a new life after he moves from South Florida suburbia to a small northern town in the middle of nowhere? Or will he repeat his past mistakes?

Like the twisted trails crisscrossing the forest behind the Higgins' new home, Tyler's destiny is woven together with the mysterious plumbers. Trouble lurks behind every bend, as these vicious criminals threaten his life and his family. Can Tyler find the wisdom, faith, and courage to overcome? Will he achieve his ultimate goal – to fit in?

RUN shows one young teen's battle to survive the pitfalls of adolescent life—and the dangers in the dark forest.

Parents and people of all ages will also enjoy the heart pounding action and relational angst of *RUN*. Don't miss *ESCAPE*, *RUN*'s prequel and *CHASE*, Book 2 of the Intense Series. Book 3, *HYDE*, is under construction by the author and soon to enter the pipeline.

Companion Bible Study

In *RUN*, thirteen-year-old Tyler Higgins goes from unhealthy friendships, to no friendships, to finally fitting in. This companion Bible study explores where Tyler went wrong, where he went right, and how teens and preteens can develop real relationships. It also delves deeply into the issue of bullying, which continues to trouble kids and teens. Because of the complexities of bullying, three sessions are devoted to this subject, including, Ten Biblical Tips for Dealing with Bullies, and why no one deserves to be disrespected.

Students can complete this study individually. However, a group setting, or one on one with parents or another adult mentor would enrich the experience.

Leaders' Note

Target audience; ten to fourteen-year-old boys and girls. Students should read *RUN* individually and then meet in small groups for six sessions to discuss the questions in this guide with or without a leader. The owner of the Companion Bible Study has permission to copy and distribute the discussion questions. Ideally, the students and leader should read *RUN* prior to each session; however, it is not necessary. Appropriate scriptures are found at the end of the book, and the leader can download the chapter summaries from the author's website:

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For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13 NLT)

Chapters 1-5

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Thirteen-year-old newbie, Tyler Higgins wants to prove himself to the older and cooler Matt Colter by finding his fort in the state parkland behind their new home. But while exploring the forested plateau, Tyler and his younger brother, Dylan, are lost. A wicked thunderstorm panics Dylan and both boys fall into a ravine leaving Tyler with a minor concussion.

While looking for a way out, the brothers bump into an abandoned house and decide to go inside for shelter. They're not alone, and a creepy character begins searching the house for the boys. Somehow the brothers escape with Tyler reinjuring his head in the process. They find their way home, and Tyler swears Dylan to secrecy to avoid grounding from the forest.

Tyler awakens the next morning with a throbbing headache, scarcely believing the previous day's nightmare. Searching the forest is out of the question, so Tyler decides to prove himself to Matt by learning to fish the river. But today's Sunday, and Tyler must first navigate the next new social sphere—Church and Youth Group. Tyler doesn't connect with the new kids, except for the nerdy Luke, who is determined to befriend Tyler and his brother. He does, however, meet the youth pastor and enlists Luke's help to fish the river.

A toothache forces Frank, one of the creeps from the ruined house, into Lehigh to find a dentist. While shopping for fishing gear in the local hardware store, Tyler and Dylan recognize the puffy-jawed little man's voice, and it sends shivers down their spines. But the brothers escape Frank's detection and spy on the criminal, noting his suspicious purchases. Outside, Tyler discovers Frank drives a plumber's van.

After working up his courage, Tyler calls the phone number on the van. When a professional sounding woman answers the call, he hangs up, mostly convinced Delta Plumbing is a legitimate business. But the plumbers caller ID all of their phone calls . . .

Tyler, Dylan, and Luke finally get their fishing gear together and find a sweet spot beneath the river bridge. But from the bridge above, Matt and Ryan dump swamp muck on the fishermen. As the trio trudges home, Matt, turned bully, holds them up and steals their fish.

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Tyler blames Luke for Matt's dirty trick, but Dylan comes to Luke's defense. At home alone, Tyler rants against Luke to his younger brother, but again Dylan sides with the husky boy. Thinking Luke had left, Tyler loses another, meaner tirade against the neighbor. Luke overhears the insults and stomps home, nearly provoking a fistfight between the brothers. Dylan is so mad at Tyler, the brother's are estranged.

Matt is a lost cause, and Dylan and Luke are shunning Tyler. So he retreats into the world of roll player video games and fantasizes over a return to Florida. But, after a week, he's super bored. To avoid Dylan and Luke's rejection and Matt's persecution, he decides to sneak out of the house at night.

After sneaking out one night, Tyler finds a comfortable spot by the river bridge and tries to talk to God. But he's not ready to forgive Luke. As a dark van approaches the bridge, Tyler hides and recognizes the Delta Plumbing van. Over the next several nights, he spies on the van, and on the fifth night, feelings of menace propel Tyler home. On the way, a huge man with a long knife threatens Tyler and his family if he doesn't stop spying.

Still dazed and scared witless the next morning, Tyler decides he can't tell anyone about the plumber for fear the brute will kill his mother and sister. Mom reminds Tyler that school starts on the morrow. At school the next day, it doesn't go well. Dylan ditches Tyler, and seeking a spot to hole up, Tyler trips and almost falls in front of a crowd of girls. Knowing no one, Tyler must wait for school to start—alone.

When the building finally opens, Tyler can't unlock his locker and is forced to obtain help from the office. Arriving to class late, he finds a room full of complete strangers, all gawking at him. Although one boy seemed friendly, when the kids find out Tyler's an outsider they turn hostile and accuse his father of stealing local jobs. Tyler makes it through the day, but happens upon Blake, the school bully picking on a little kid. Tyler escapes the resulting confrontation, but fears the bully has marked him for trouble.

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The ninth-grader, Blake Benton, and two of Tyler's new classmates, Nick and Carlos, single Tyler out for bullying. Tyler backs Nick down, but the older Blake vows to give Tyler a pounding. By keeping alert, Tyler avoids Blake's ambushes and circumvents all his attempts to catch him without adult supervision.

On Saturday, Tyler holes up in his bedroom playing video games. But the weather is nice, and Dad kicks him outside. While wandering a near trail in the opposite direction from the ruined house, Tyler meets a new boy. Will is Tyler's age, attends another school, and is temporarily visiting his father, Doc Fuller, who lives on a western ridge overlooking the valley. But Tyler can't figure out why Will was crying. After returning home, Dylan enjoys reminding Tyler that the bully, Blake, is still hunting him.

Tyler decides to prepare for the worst with Blake and breaks out the heavy bag to work on his boxing technique. Dad reminds Tyler of his no fighting policy, and after a heart-to-heart, Tyler learns what he knew all along, Dad's an ally. Tyler also discovers that Will's mom is in a coma from a car accident. That's why Will is so sad and is temporarily staying with his father. Tyler decides to start talking to God again, to pray for his enemies and for Will. He also decides to revisit Will.

A tropical storm blows far inland and Tyler is charged with walking Dylan and Rachael to school. Mom wasn't aware of the extent of the flooding and Dylan drops his music pod while crossing the river bridge. While trying to retrieve the device, Dylan falls. At the last instant, a garage door, ripped off by the flood materializes, providing a raft for Dylan. Yet the debris could capsize any second. After a desperate prayer, Tyler runs ahead, shinnies out on a tree limb and plucks Dylan off the raft and out of the water.

Dylan and Tyler are reconciled. Tyler has his bro back, and begins attending youth group. However, a couple of girls from The Academy show up and disrespect Tyler. Under heavy conviction, Tyler wants to request prayer for Will, but fear of the girls' gossip at school keeps him silent.

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Meanwhile, the flood provides a bonanza for the plumbers. After the plumbers loot a deserted house, miles downstream from Lehigh, a local cop becomes suspicious. Using their telephone technology, the two burglars fool the cop temporarily, but soon discover that the officer is investigating Delta Plumbing. Although the corporation carefully conceals the true owners and their location, Runyon decides they only have another week before they must shut down operations. They decide to tackle the big heist they've been planning for months.

When school reopens on Thursday with light attendance, Blake and his posse finally corner Tyler in the lunchroom—alone. Tyler tries to talk his way out, but is forced to defend himself and defeats Blake with surprising ease. All seems well until the headmaster hears Blake's lies and confronts Tyler. With no other witnesses and Blake's two friends covering for him, the headmaster blames Tyler. Immediate detention, possible suspension and even expulsion are Tyler's punishment.

Tyler braves the final day of the week at The Academy and finds his classmates' animosity ratcheted up a notch. The headmaster adds humiliating consequences to Tyler's after school detention. Tyler perseveres and visits Will on Saturday, finding a kindred gaming spirit. Tyler even shares his faith a little—but then backs down. At the end of the visit, Will grows distant, and Tyler wonders if he's failed again.

After church the next day, at Subway, Tyler runs into Matt, whom he hasn't seen in a month. Expecting another bullying, Tyler is surprised when Matt sides with him against Blake. A friend of Matt's has recently gone missing, and Matt confesses new information about the ditching in the woods. He warns Tyler away from the forest. Tyler imagines the plumber is responsible, but says nothing to Matt. At home, Tyler still sweats over his visit with Will, until Will invites Tyler to his house for breakfast the next day.

Late Sunday night, Frank and Runyon hit Fat Cat's house. Using computers, high-tech jamming gear, and a legendary knockout gas from the shadowy Russian mob, the two burglars bag millions in cash and jewelry. Although surveillance cameras will cost the criminals their cover with Delta Plumbing, Runyon figures they have time for one more job. This one is personal.

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After a night of nightmares featuring the plumber, Tyler arises and treks up the mountain to meet Will for breakfast. Near the crest of the ridge, he sees the Delta Plumbing van motoring up Will's driveway from the opposite direction. Runyon and Frank plan on emptying Doc Fuller's house that very morning. However, the doctor returns, and pretending they are lost, the plumbers take their leave, vowing to return that night. Tyler is relieved to find Will and his dad are okay. He is however scared witless and after a lame excuse, runs for home without warning the Fullers of his fears.

Tyler hides out in his room for the rest of that Monday. After school the next day he discovers that the Fullers were burglarized the night before. Hit on the head, Doctor Fuller lays in the hospital in a coma along with his wife. Will, who slept through the robbery, is okay. Crushed with guilt, Tyler confesses his knowledge to Will, Luke, and Dylan. When Tyler tells the tale of the ruined house, Will decides he wants to find the hideout, call the police on his cell phone and recover his mother's jewelry. Tyler agrees to lead him there.

Tyler, Dylan, Luke, and Will retrace the trail through the woods to the plumber's hideout. But they must get closer and pass the driveway to see the road so Will, who knows the maze of dirt roads on the plateau, can identify the location. After sneaking past the garage with a creepy digging sound on the other side, Will identifies the road. On the way back out, the boys witness the two plumbers, Frank and Runyon, burying a body, and then as they watch, the men fall into mortal combat, with Runyon and his long knife prevailing. Luke screams, Runyon sees the boys, and they run.

Climbing a steep ridge, the boys at first seem to be escaping. But the big man isn't as fat as he first appeared. He closes in, and Tyler realizes that Luke and Will cannot escape. Refusing to leave them behind, Tyler orders the boys ahead and decoys the plumber on a side trail. But the plumber is even faster than Tyler. Soon he closes in, and Tyler takes to a large, climbable tree. The one armed man cannot climb. While Runyon tried in vain to climb the tree, goaded on by Tyler, the three other boys escape. Realizing he's been fooled, the plumber, in a rage, flings his knife at Tyler.

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Tyler dodges the knife. With one last bellow of rage, Runyon descends the slope back to his hideout. Tyler runs for home to find everyone safe. But the plumber, still on the loose, vows revenge and packs his duffle bags stuffed with money and escapes to the river. From there, on foot, he heads toward a small island not far from Tyler's house. He plans to visit Tyler and his family in the dead of night. Meanwhile, the police interview Tyler and decide to leave a squad car to guard his house.

Hiding half-buried on the sandy island, Runyon eludes pursuit until midnight. He stabs the officer guarding Tyler's house and advances toward the back door with his silencer screwed tight on his 9mm. But awakened by another bad dream, Tyler catches sight of the big man as he passes beneath the streetlight. Racing to the backdoor, Tyler has another plan to lead the killer away from those he loves. Outside, Tyler dials 9-1-1 on the mobile phone and leaves it on while he hails Runyon and runs into the night dodging bullets. The big man pursues, but just as he's about to lay hands on Tyler, police sirens rend the air. Fleeing back toward the house—and his money, Runyon is finally cornered by the police and captured.

After another interview with the deputy, Tyler learns that the patrolman that Runyon attacked is still alive, but that there's been no change with Doc Fuller. At Luke's house later that day, Tyler invites Will to join them at youth group that night for special prayer. Will agrees. God's Spirit moves in the main building where the youth group joined a large crowd—much of the town, all on hand to pray for the Fullers and the stricken deputy Fox. Under conviction, Tyler confesses some things and the prayer meeting ends with anticipation. In the climax, Tyler is called to the hospital the next day to find that both Will's dad *and mom* are awake and well. And Tyler finally has a new friend, one now interested in the Lord.

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