

Finishing the Race
2 Timothy 4:6-8

Opening Question

When you think about the end of your life, what do you hope people will remember most about you?

Key Idea: Finishing well is not about comfort, success, or achievement by the world's standards. Finishing well means remaining faithful to Jesus until the end.

1. Keep Your Mission Bigger Than Your Comfort

Paul's life was driven by purpose, not convenience.

Read: Acts 20:22–24

- Why is comfort so attractive to us?
- Have you ever avoided obedience because it felt uncomfortable or risky?
- What is one area where you sense God calling you to choose mission over comfort?

2. Refuse to Let Disappointment and Suffering Harden You

Paul endured enormous suffering but stayed tender toward God.

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:16–18 & Acts 16:25-31

- Why do suffering and disappointment sometimes push people away from God?
- What stood out to you from Paul and Silas praying & singing in prison?
- Have you seen God redeem a painful season in your life?
- What helps you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus during difficult seasons?

3. Invest in the Next Generation

Paul mentored people like Timothy and Titus.

- Who has invested spiritually in your life? How did that impact you?
- Who might God be calling you to encourage, mentor, or disciple?

4. Guard Your Integrity — Even in Small Things

Paul said, “I have kept the faith.”

Read: James 5:16

- Why is integrity often shaped in small, unseen decisions?
- How does silence & secrecy give sin power?
- What role does accountability play in spiritual growth?

5. Keep Eternity in View

Paul lived with eternal perspective.

Read: Philippians 1:21 & 2 Timothy 4:8

- What are some ways our culture measures success?
- What are people often tempted to chase that will not matter eternally?
- How does eternity change the way we live today?
- What is one practical way you can invest more intentionally in eternal things this week?

Final Reflection: Which of the five areas challenged or encouraged you the most? Why? Pray specifically that God would help each person “finish the race well.”