

# 08/31/25 Message

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Part of Faith Over Feelings

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## Message: Giving Out

### Series: Faith Over Feelings

## Review

The first message in this series was called You've Arrived! Behind the title, it was a message about where you are in this moment, every decision, every action, everything you've done up to this moment has led you to where you are.

Do you like where you are?

Does God like where you are?

If not, where you are doesn't have to be your destination; if you're saved, your destination is heaven. Anywhere in between is just a stop on the way, so keep pressing on. You keep on keeping on by deciding to change. It's a great picture of repentance. The only people who put it in park and simply become okay with staying where they are, are dead. Because where you are isn't the destination God planned for you!

*Feelings are strong, but feelings aren't always real...  
That's why it's important to have faith over feelings. And it's not just faith; it's the object of our faith. I can put faith in the weather man, but the minute it rains when he predicted sunshine, I'd lose my faith. Faith can only be as strong as the object of our faith. That's what makes faith in God so amazing!*

—Pastor Chad

## Finishing With Faith

### **2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NLT)**

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have

remained faithful.

8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

*This was written by Paul, this amazing dude who was living his life for me, myself, and I. He absolutely hated this group of people known as followers of Jesus. He wanted them mocked, cussed at, spit on, beaten, thrown in jail, and murdered. He even participated in what we call persecution. But then one day he had this life changing encounter when he personally met Jesus, and his life was forever changed. He became known as the greatest missionary ever. He planted most of the churches we read about in the NT. At God's direction, he wrote most of the NT. I'm convinced, Paul was so instrumental in spreading the good news of Jesus; without Paul, I'm not sure we'd know about Jesus in our part of the world today. Paul had this hunger and this thirst to tell the world about what Jesus did for him but even more, Paul had a desire to pour into others and develop other Christian leaders. Today we call that discipleship and it's one of the core purposes of the church that many churches forget today.*

—Pastor Chad

In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us to make disciples. You can't make disciples without discipleship! It's the process of a dedicated, faithful, mature follower of Jesus pouring into another follower of Jesus, teaching them, mentoring them, and helping them to become dedicated, faithful, and spiritually mature so they can pour into another follower of Jesus, and the cycle continues!

If you are a follower of Jesus – are you making disciples?

In **Matthew 28** He tells us to MAKE DISCIPLES.

- If you're saved... Are you making disciples?
  - If not, what made you give up, give in, and give out?

*I think it was because you were fired up and pumped up*

*when you decided to give your life to Jesus and then something happened. Your fuel tank went from full to empty and you never refueled. That happens when feelings fade.*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **Paul's Experience**

Paul had struggles.

*His life as recorded in the Bible seemed more like an adventure movie than a missionary. He suffered physical abuse (beatings and stoning); he was shipwrecked; he was constantly threatened from those outside the church and from the religious folks; he went through things like hunger, thirst, cold, and exhaustion. He struggled with anxiety and depression. I could go on... Yet Paul didn't give up, give in, or give out. Paul kept on keeping on. Tradition is to 'stop doing' when you get older but thank God Paul didn't slow down or lose his unction. That word unction is found in 1 John 2:20 and it means anointing. More specifically, an anointing that empowers someone to do something. Paul never lost his unction because he was on an uphill climb, and he didn't stop until he reached heaven! Physical injury and pain didn't stop him. Anxiety and depression didn't stop him. People didn't stop him. Prison didn't stop him!*

*—Pastor Chad*

- If you're saved, you have the same unction that Paul had!
  - Paul didn't give out. Why have you?

*If you do a deep dive into Paul's words, those 'I have's' aren't in past tense. It's a tense that indicates a completed past action with an ongoing, enduring result. You can take that to mean I did these things and because I did these things, the result has changed my current reality, and the results are just as real today as they were then. Paul is saying I am fighting the good fight. I am finishing the race. I am remaining faithful! I did these*

*things in the past and I am continuing to do these things now! I will not quit. I will not stop. I am not giving out!*  
—Pastor Chad

Paul lived out the principle that feelings fade, but true faith holds, true faith grows, and true faith lasts! Feelings fade but faith endures!

*Many people in the Bible missed out, not because they lacked faith, but because they followed their feelings instead of their Father.*  
—author unknown

*I think we miss out. I know some Godly people who I'd argue have a lot of faith but they are controlled by their feelings instead of their faith! Reminds me of a saying... Don't let temporary feelings destroy eternal promises! Don't give up your future for your present!*  
—Pastor Chad

## **Let Faith Be Your Anchor**

- When you let faith be your anchor, it gives you hope.
  - It gives you stability, determination, it grounds you.

*In a boat, it represents an object that holds you in place but in a spiritual sense, it represents Jesus and the faith you have in Him, a faith that holds you firmly in His presence.*

—Pastor Chad

- Faith isn't about strength, faith is an anchor.
  - It's not about acting strong, feeling strong, or being strong, it's about being anchored to a firm foundation.

*Some of you are here this morning and let's be honest, you don't feel like being here. Some people aren't here because they didn't feel like being here. What's the difference? The difference is the anchor. Some people call it being rooted in your faith. The difference is you are anchored! Sometimes we don't feel like reading our Bible, but those who read the Bible anyway do it because*

*they are anchored. Sometimes we don't feel like praying, but we pray because we're anchored. Sometimes we don't feel like praising or worshipping, but we do it because we're anchored. Sometimes we don't feel like giving, but we do it because we're anchored. Sometimes we don't feel like serving, or trusting, or loving, or on and on... but we do it because we're anchored! Faith isn't about feeling, faith is about staying anchored! We don't just have faith to get through the moment, we have faith to finish the race without giving out!*

—Pastor Chad

## **Don't Become Weary and Give Up**

### ***Hebrews 12:1-4 (NLT)***

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

4 After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

*I love verse 3 because it basically says this... Think of Jesus, then you won't give out!*

—Pastor Chad

Make a commitment to God:

- Choose faith over feelings
- Apologize for giving in, giving up, and giving out
- Commit to not give out until He calls you home

*Make a commitment to Him so that one day you can say, I've fought the good fight, I've finished the race, I've kept the faith! And He can tell you, well done my good and*

*faithful servant! (cf. **Matthew 25:21**)*

*—Pastor Chad*