

MAKING IT TO THE LAST ROUND

The Fight of Faith: Round 5

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“Now then,” Joshua continued, “honour the Lord and serve him sincerely and faithfully. Get rid of the gods which your ancestors used to worship...and serve only the Lord. If you are not willing to serve him, decide today whom you will serve... As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord... After this, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110.”
(Joshua 24:14-15, GNT)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. (2 Timothy 4:7, NLT)

THE SECRETS OF FINISHING WELL

2 Corinthians 4:2-18

1. REFUSE TO **COMPROMISE**.

“So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly...Serve the Lord alone. (Joshua 24:14, NLT)

We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2, The Message)

The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; (Proverbs 11:3a, The Message)

2. RESOLVE TO WALK **HUMBLY**.

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since his youth... (Numbers 11:28, NLT)

Proud people will be ruined, but the humble will be honored. (Proverbs 18:12, NCV)

We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. (2 Corinthians 4:7, The Message)

Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are your servants for his sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, God's Word)

3. RENEW **REGULARLY**.

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to follow the decrees and regulations of the Lord. (Joshua 24:25, NLT)

We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, CEV)

That is why we are not discouraged. Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16, God's Word)

You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me. (Psalm 119:114, The Message)

4. REMAIN FOCUSED ON ETERNITY.

"For when the Canaanites and all the other people living in the land hear about it...what will happen to the honor of your great name?" (Joshua 7:9, NLT)

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (2 Corinthians 4:17, NLT)

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV)

I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear. (2 Timothy 4:7-8, GNT)

ACTION STEPS
CLASS 101/201 – NEXT WEEK!