



Day 9

2 Timothy 4:6–10

Paul writes 2 Timothy at the end of his life. He is not waiting for release this time; he is waiting for execution. Yet his words are not bitter; they are full of hope. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (v.7).

Waiting on God is not only for the young, not only for those waiting for a job, a spouse, a child, a change. It is also for those nearing the finish line—waiting to see the Lord face to face. Paul shows us what it looks like to wait well at the end: keep fighting, keep running, keep believing.

Notice the difference between Paul and the man named Demas in verse 10. Demas was in love with this present world. He deserted Paul, discarded the Gospel, and destroyed his faith. His waiting was marked by worldly self-indulgence. Paul’s waiting was marked by faithfulness to Christ.

Paul looks beyond the prison walls to a future crown: “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day” (v.8). Notice, he is not just waiting for death; he is waiting for that day—the day of reward from a righteous Judge who has already declared him righteous in Christ.

And, this is not only for apostles. Paul says it is “also to all who have loved his appearing” (v.8). That includes you.

While you wait—whether at the beginning, middle, or end of your race—set your eyes on the finish line, and the Lord at the finish line.

Pray: “Lord, help me to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith. Let me wait for ‘that day’ with love for You.”