

By Faith, Moses Finished! Deuteronomy 34

Intro: Finishing strong is a noteworthy goal in many pursuits including the way to come to the end of life.

Deuteronomy 34:1, 5-7, 9-10 - Moses finished his life strong, although he had good reasons not to be a strong finisher.

1. An Improbable Call
2. An Impossible People – Numbers 11:10-15.
3. An Imperfect Life – Numbers 20:8, 10-13

“Moses finished strong not because he never failed. Moses finished strong because failure did not stop him.”

I. Keep Your Role _____ – Deut. 34:5, 10

Our Role is _____ – “Doulos”
- Matthew 6:33; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Philippians 2:7
- Faithful servants keep their role in perspective.

II. Keep Your Relationship _____ – Deut. 34:10

To have a “face to face” relationship with God, be open before God.

- Open _____ – Trust in the Lord.
- Open _____ – Listen to God through the Bible.
- Open _____ – Talk to God through prayer.
- Open _____ – Keep looking to Jesus.
- Open _____ – Withhold nothing from the Lord.

III. Keep Your Resolve _____ – Deut. 34:1-7

Like Moses, do not stop short of the _____ .

Hebrews 12:2 - Focus unswervingly on our Savior, Jesus.

Jesus endured the cross so that we can enjoy the blessings of salvation and experience by faith the joy of finishing strong.

Conclusion: Your circumstances may feel to be too much. The call to follow Christ may seem difficult. Your climb may feel like it is too steep. The cost of your faith may be more than what you want to pay, but keep paying, keep following, keep climbing.

We too can hear “Well done. By faith in God, you resolved to live your life and finish strong. Well done.”

Small Group Questions

1. When is a time that you experienced the joy or satisfaction of “finishing?”
2. How is Moses’ life an answer those who question whether they can follow God faithfully and finish strong?
3. Read Matthew 6:33, 1 Thessalonians 1:9, and 2 Corinthians 8:5. Discuss from these verses what is necessary for being a faithful servant, and what are hindrances to being a faithful servant?
4. Discuss the five key areas needed in our lives to have a strong relationship with God. How might you counsel someone to help them be strong in these areas?
5. Read Deuteronomy 34:1-4. How do you think Moses felt when the Lord showed him that he successfully led the Israelites to the land that God promised them?
6. How is Galatians 6:9 applicable to us and the importance of finishing strong?
7. How is God calling you to think differently?
8. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?