

Poured Out: A Study on Sacrifice

Week 4 – Poured Out to the End (2 Timothy 4:6–8)

Use these questions to reflect on Paul's final words, the image of a drink offering, and what it means to live a poured-out life of faithfulness.

1. A Life at the Finish Line

- Read 2 Timothy 4:6–8. How does Paul describe the season of life he is in?
- Why is the image of a “drink offering” an appropriate picture for the end of Paul's life?
- What emotions do you sense in Paul's words—sadness, confidence, peace, hope?

2. Sacrifice as a Way of Life

- How does Paul's description of his life connect to Romans 12:1?
- In what ways has Paul's entire life been an act of worship rather than a single moment of sacrifice?
- Why is it important to see sacrifice as a lifelong posture, not a one-time act?

3. Faith Over Perfection

- Paul says he has “kept the faith,” not that he has lived perfectly. Why is this distinction important?
- How does focusing on faith rather than performance guard us from burnout or pride?

4. Enduring Hardship

- Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5. What kind of life does Paul call Timothy to live?
- What hardships did Paul endure that demonstrate his faithfulness?
- What kinds of hardship might faithfulness to Christ require from believers today?

5. Genuine Faith Bears Fruit

- Read John 15:5. What does Jesus promise to those who remain in Him?
- How does fruitfulness flow naturally from faith rather than forced effort?
- What evidence of spiritual fruit do you see in your own life?

6. Living Ready

- Read Luke 12:35–48. What does Jesus teach about readiness and faithfulness?
- Why is it tempting to delay obedience until “later”?
- What small acts of faithfulness today prepare us for Christ's return?

7. Looking Toward the Crown

- What does the “crown of righteousness” represent in Paul's life?
- How does future hope shape present obedience?
- How do you want to be able to reflect on your life of faith one day?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for His faithfulness through every season of life. Ask for strength to live a poured-out life of faith, trusting Him daily until the end.