



Let's Talk About It

NAME OF MESSAGE: Finishing Strong

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START IT

Go around your group and share an experience where you had to go through some sort of adversity. Whether it be big or small, we've all been there.

REVIEW IT

This weekend Pastor Ken shared that every single one of us hits rough patches in life and that when we go through a rough patch, we go in one of two directions... we either rise or we fade. He also shared with us that there are two primary causes for a rough patch... it is either because of our own sinful choices, or because of circumstances outside of our control. With all of this, he shared that we still can have hope, because each one of us can still finish well, no matter where we have been or where we are right now.

PERSONALIZE IT

- Pastor Ken shared that after a rough patch, we all will either rise, or fade. Spend some time talking with your Group about some rough patches that you have gone through where the result might have been you fading, rather than rising... How would you have worked through that rough patch in a different way now being on the other side of it? How can we still find hope when reflecting on rough patches that led to us fading?
- Pastor Ken shared that if it sinful choices that have led you to a rough patch, the way out looks like confession, repentance, and rebuilding on God's promises. He also shared that if it's circumstances beyond choice that have led to a rough patch, the way out looks like doubling down on the truth of scripture and surrounding yourself with people who will spur you on. Spend some time talking with one another about this and what this may mean for each of you.

PERSONALIZE IT

- Pastor Ken at the end of the message shared that we finish strong by staying focused on the people, staying focused on the mission, and staying focused on eternity. As we finish up the series what do you need to focus more attention on?

PRAY ABOUT IT

As we wrap up our 'Didn't See That Coming' series, we must be continually reminding ourselves that God is God and nothing catches him by surprise. Whether that is war, rough patches brought on by us or uncontrollable circumstances. We have a God who is above all and can use anything for good. Spend time this week individually, and as a Group, praying over these things and that God would help us to hold tightly to these truths.

DO IT

In life there are going to be unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances and events that will happen. In Renee's story, one thing she clung to during her rough patch was to do whatever she could to live a life that was obedient to God's Word. Believing that no matter what she went through, God was still good. One way to walk in this obedience is to get into a community of people who can help point you back to God and His goodness in those hard times.

If you are not in a Group, you can still get connected! And if you are in a Group, be intentional this week to see the people around you, in your circles, and begin to think of who you could invite to join a Group.

Pastor Ken ended his teaching by sharing what it means to finish strong... Staying focused on people, staying focused on the mission, and staying focused on eternity. Spend time reflecting this week and see how you are doing in these three areas, and how you may need to change some things to stay laser focused on these.

RESOURCES

Check out our Weekend Worship songs on the Cypress Church app.