ENDURANCE TO *Win* THE PRIZE

A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY



I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Faithful to the Finish

Living for the Master's "Well Done!"

Who was Paul?

Before meeting Jesus

He persecuted Christians

He thought he was right

He tried to stop Christianity

He lived for his own beliefs

After Meeting Jesus

He preached about Jesus

He learned to follow God’s truth

He helped spread Christianity

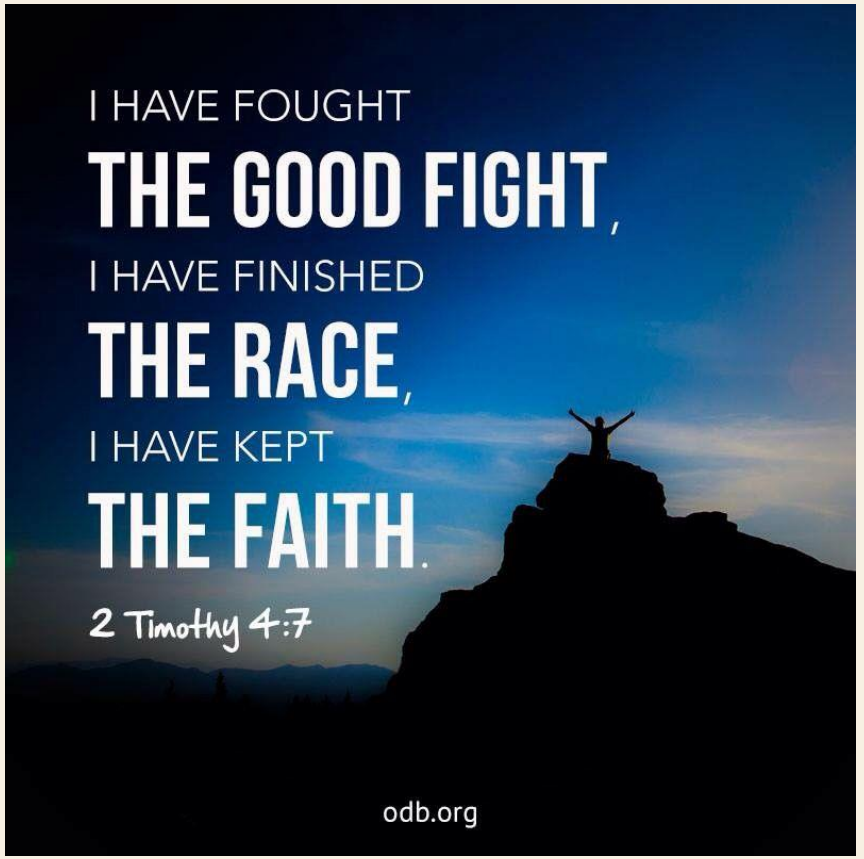
He dedicated his life to Christ

Message

God isn’t asking us to live a perfect life.

He is calling us to live a faithful life.

Love Him
Serve Others
Persevere through hardship
Finish the race with our focus on Jesus



REMEMBER

Your past does not determine your future with God

30 Years telling people about Jesus

With that comes…

HARDSHIPS

prison, shipwrecked, rejected, and abandoned

Hardships Paul continued to face

People abandoned him	2 Timothy 4:10, 16	He forgave them and trusted the Lord
People opposed and harmed him	2 Timothy 4:14-15	He warned Timothy but continued trusting God
He experienced loneliness	2 Timothy 4:9-11	He asked Timothy to come and bring Mark
He faced death	2 Timothy 4:6-8	He remained confident in Jesus and the reward awaiting him

Continues to be a great example

It is Well… Make it Well



Paul didn’t pretend his circumstances were easy. He trusted God’s presence in the middle of them.

How does Matthew 25:21 Complement 2 Timothy 4:7

Work together to give us a fuller picture of what it means to live a faithful life.

Matthew 25:21

His master said unto him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy master.’

Matthew 25:21

“Well Done”

“Good Servant”

“Faithful”

“You have been faithful”

“Enter into the joy of your master”

2 Timothy 4:6-7

Paul lived for the Lord’s approval

Paul served Christ faithfully

Paul kept the faith

Paul fought the good fight

Paul looked forward to being with the Lord

Living out Faithfulness Paul describes

Hebrews 12:1-2 – Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Ephesians 6:10-18 – 6 pieces of God's armor – Belt of Truth, Breastplate of righteousness, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, and Sword of the Spirit

Phillipians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Faithfulness Jesus Praises

Life is a race, and God has given each of us a purpose. We won't always get everything right, and the road won't always be easy. But we can keep our eyes on Jesus, use the gifts He's given us and stay faithful to Him.

Prayer

May we live our lives so that , like Paul, we can say “I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith,” and one day hear our Master’s precious words: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”