

**Famous Last Words**  
**It is Finished**  
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*“Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”<sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.<sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:28-30*

**Tetelestai** = to end, complete, execute, discharge (a debt)

Key Thought #1: You have **unfinished** business

**TCOB** – Take Care of Business!

*“I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.” Revelation 3:1-2*

Key Thought #2: **Identify** your unfinished business

*“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24*

## FINISHING STRONG

### 1. Commit to a finishing **decision**

*“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’” Luke 14:28-30*

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Luke 22:42*

A Finished Decision:

- Motivates you to endure short-term **pain** for long term **gain**

*“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2*

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-25*

- Diminishes **negative** influence

*“Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Matthew 16:23*

## 2. Execute finishing **actions**

*“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.” 2 Corinthians 8:11*

*“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6*

## WHO WILL BE NUMBER ONE IN YOUR LIFE?

*“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15*