

Paul's Final Days

1. We hand things off or down to others intentionally and unintentionally.
 - God's desire is to redeem people back to Himself.
 - God cares most for people. 16 times in Scripture, starting in **Genesis 16** and finishing in **Revelation** it says, **"I will be their God, and they will be my people."**
2. God has always used His Spirit through His people to hand off His redeeming message (**Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 4:6-7**).
3. How we live a resurrected life is the best way to hand off His redeeming message (**1 Corinthians 9:24-26**).
 - **Be coachable and pliable.** As followers of Christ, we are to allow the Master Artist to chisel away anything in our lives that doesn't look like Christ. (**Ephesians 5:1-2, Philippians 2:1-11**)
 - **Run a different race than the world would have you run.** This is what will get handed down (**Matthew 7:13-14**).
 - **When the race gets hard, how we respond is key to what gets handed down** (**Philippians 1:12-14**).
 - Respond by faith in difficult circumstances.
 - In Christ, our circumstances do not dictate our joy; our relationship with and hope in Christ does.
 - **We need others to not only run the race but to intentionally hand it off** (**Philippians 2:19-20, 25, 4:21-23**).
 - Build authentic and genuine Christ centered relationships (**Philippians 4:21-22, Ephesians 6:21-22**).
 - Being intentional to entrust the responsibility of Christ's message to trustworthy people who will hand it down (**2 Timothy 2:2**).

Conclusion: Be focused on the ultimate goal which is to experience a resurrected life instead of just reading about a resurrected story (**Philippians 3:7-14**).

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