



## ***II Timothy 4:7***

***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.***

### **THE JOURNEY! (Part 6)**

A reality check for us all today... we do not know when our earthly journey will end... but that doesn't mean we live in fear, or just set down and wait...

It is about aiming to finish the journey right. That regardless where you are headed here on earth that your eternal destination is set, and you know where you are aiming to finish your journey.

Jesus taught:

Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Luke 19:13

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

The Apostle Paul taught this principle:

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to fight the good fight.

1 Timothy 6:6-12

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

Point 1 continued:

- a. Against the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Against the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Against the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

Point 1 continued:

- d. There are things \_\_\_\_\_ for.
- e. The main thing is the \_\_\_\_\_ for people's \_\_\_\_\_.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the race.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

1 Chronicles 28:20

And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

a. We must \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ looks like.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

Point 2 continued:

b. If you \_\_\_\_\_ during your journey, \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

c. Important to finishing: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the faith.

Genesis 3:4

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

Do you believe the devil's lie more than you believe God's Word?

a. Seek to understand what \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.

Revelation 2:4

(Jesus said) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

THE MODEL FOR HOW WE ARE TO AIM TO FINISH OUR JOURNEY:

Point 3 continued:

2 Timothy 1:13-14

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

b. No other way, we must take \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

James 1:19-25 (MSG)

19 Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. 20 God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. 21 So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life. 22 Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! 23 Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, 24 walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. 25 But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God - the free life! - even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

Conclusion:

Our deal is to be committed to fight the good fight, have courage to finish, and with confidence hold on to our faith – regardless what happens – God will help us cross the finish line completing our journey!

Reflection:

1. What is the biggest challenge in your journey?
2. Is it commitment? Is it courage? Is it confidence?
3. The key: The Word of God will help you concentrate on Jesus all the way!