

FINISH WELL

2 Timothy 2:1-13
May 22, 2022

MAIN POINT: God's grace in Christ gives us the hope and strength we need to help us fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith.

A Tale of Two Tables

The Good Soldier Fights the Good Fight

The Disciplined Athlete Finishes the Race

The Faithful Farmer Keeps the Faith

Advice From Around the Table

How do we continue to win the next generation for Christ?

1. Grab them with Passion (Romans 10:1-2).
2. Win them with Love (John 13:35).
3. Hold them with Holiness (2 Peter 1:3-8).
4. Challenge them with Truth (John 17:17).
5. Amaze them with God (Isaiah 25:1).

(Adapted from Kevin DeYoung's book *Amaze Them with God*.)

Suggested Reading:

Amaze Them with God by Kevin DeYoung

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

Don't Miss It: Parent every week like it Counts by Reggie Joiner

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read 2 Timothy 2:1-10.

1. What can we learn from the three different metaphors Paul uses to encourage Timothy in the midst of difficulty and suffering?
 - a. Which do you relate to most? Why?
2. Who is invested in your spiritual growth? Why is it important to know spiritually mature brothers or sisters in Christ who can help us grow?
3. Who in your life needs encouragement or support in their walk with Jesus? How could you encourage them this week?
4. What are some practical steps you could take now to be prepared for suffering when it might come in the future?

Please Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

5. What does God promise to those who follow Paul's example of running the race of life well?
6. What might need to change about your priorities, schedule, or interests in order for you to run your race well?
7. What is your take-away from this text? How will you apply it?