

## ***2 Timothy: Lessons for the Church – the Pillar of the Truth***

### **Chapter 4**

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*<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-7*

#### **1. Finish strong in God's Word v. 1-4**

- A. Pastors need to teach, teach, teach
- B. Saints need to listen, accept, change
- C. The secret to God's Word: (Joshua 1:8)

#### **2. Finish strong in endurance v. 5-8**

- A. Follow the examples of Jesus, Paul and the hall of faith to run this marathon (John 17:4, 2 Tim 4:7, Hebrews 11)
- B. Our enemy wants us to stop running the race. He will use fear, discouragement, bitterness, trials and the world.
- C. What will it take to get you to quit? (2 Cor 11:23-30)
- D. The secret to keep running: (2 Cor 5:14,15)

#### **3. Finish strong in relationships v. 9-22**

- A. Not all relationships will remain strong – ex. Demas
- B. God wants us to have authentic Christianity relationships – ex. Timothy, Luke, Mark, etc.
- C. The secret to lasting relationships: (Matthew 18:21-22)

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Share an example of God's Word changing your life
2. Who is someone you know that has endured joyfully in their faith?
3. Why do you think they have been able to endure hardship?
4. What does your endurance list look like?
5. Share an example where you had to ask someone forgiveness