



Worship Guide for **September 1, 2024**

Sermon Notes

Faithfully Living and Dying for the Faith

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Finishing Well - it should be the desire of every believer. Because Paul was always willing and ready to die, with a life focused on Christ, he was able to live life to the fullest. He said, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." Today we see his final summary challenge to Timothy and his short autobiography. Paul has been holding himself up, and rightly so, as a godly example of how to live for Timothy and the church in Ephesus. Now Paul is going to be an example of how to die.

If you were going to write your own eulogy, what would it say? It's difficult to summarize a life in a few minutes, much less in a few words. But if you had to capture your life in a few words, what would it be? What would you want it to be?

Paul's life goal was to preach and magnify Jesus Christ. It was his expectation and hope that Jesus would be honored in his body, whether by life or by death (Phil. 1:20). What we see in Paul is a life of faithfulness to his last breath.

I. Timothy's Call to Faithfulness

II. Paul's Example of Faithfulness

1. A Life of Faith can face the present with NO Fear
2. A Life of Faith can look back on life with NO Regret
3. A Life of Faith can anticipate the Future with Certainty and Contentment

Applications: _____

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 Communion
- 2 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 4 Life Together
- 5 Ladies Fall Bible Study begins
- 6 Person High vs. Northern Durham
- 8 Promotion Sunday for Kids
- 8 Kid's Christmas Rehearsal begins
- 9 GriefShare 13-week Seminar begins