

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Life of Paul - Part 10 Famous Last Words

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Introduction

Even when the Apostle Paul knows his time is coming to a close, his focus remains on God's mission. He has fought the good fight and won the race. He has kept the faith. He knows following Jesus means continuing the work of Jesus, pursuing heavenly accolades and prioritising relationships. He has taken every opportunity to speak about Jesus. He has persisted in obedience to God despite the threat of beatings, jail and even death. His mission was to bring the gospel to the Gentiles, and he did.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-18

Discuss

1. What are you passionate about for God?
2. Paul said "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." If Jesus was standing in front of you right now, what would you say to Him?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4. What does "in season and out of season" refer to?
4. What season are you in right now? What did Paul say about how we can cope when we are in season or out of the season?
5. Despite the hardships he faced, Paul believed that the Lord rescued him from every attack. Why was Paul able to persevere through difficult circumstances? How do you persevere in times of trial?
6. In verses 6-8, Paul reminds Timothy to look through the lens of eternity. He says that God will judge the living and the dead. How do you feel about the judgement of God? Does it change the way you live now?
7. What do you want to do for God in your lifetime? Do you have a bucket list or even one thing that you believe God has called you to do?

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Respond

Pause for a moment and think of one thing you want to do for God. Is there anything God is calling you to let go of? Are any obstacles hindering you from being obedient to what God has called you to do? Start doing that one thing this week.