

FINISHING WELL IN ANY SEASON

Acts 28:30 - 31 July 21, 2024 Jon Field, Lead Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

Perspectives for finishing well in any season:

He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. - Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)

· Face the reality of the battle

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing. -2 Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV)

Know the adventure is only getting started

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But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love $Him \dots "-1$ Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)

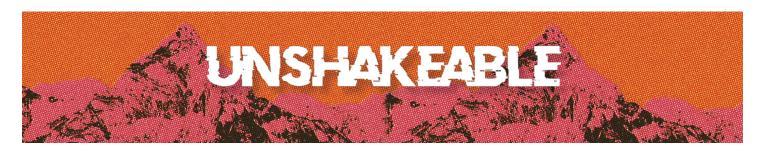
Remember our story is part of God's masterpiece

At my first defense ... I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed <u>and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom</u> ... -2 Timothy 4:16 - 18 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work <u>together</u> for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. — Romans 8:28 (ESV)

· Celebrate the Gospel as unstoppable

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· Always remember one thing:

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me ... -2 Timothy 4:16 - 17 (ESV)

"Those sounds are music to the ears of the Marines who fight on the ground, for there is nothing Marines like better than to have Marine artillery behind them, Marine intelligence in front of them, and Marine aircraft overhead." — MCAS Cherry Point website

Always remember one thing: The Lord is with you!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is the longest or hardest competition you have ever participated in?
- Read 2 Timothy 5:6 7. Why is the Christian life "a good fight"? How are you facing the "battle" and "being poured out" in life right now?
- · How did God speak to you from His word this week?
- Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. What are some of the promises from this verse? Why is our journey through a relationship with Christ just beginning?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:18. God sometimes rescues us "from" suffering and sometimes he rescues us "through" it. What is the difference between the two?
- Read Acts 28:30 31. What does it look like to live and proclaim the Good News "boldly
 and without hindrance"? Why is Paul's life such a powerful example of the Good News being
 "unstoppable"?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:6 7. How does knowing that Christ is "with us" and our "strength" play such an
 important role in giving us the courage to remain steadfast in our faith? What does it mean to you
 personally that God is your "friend" and Savior?
- Share some of the challenges you're facing in your life's journey right now, and take some time to support each other in prayer.

