

**Christ Community Covenant Church**  
**Famous Last Words: Paul – ‘I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.’ ~ 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8**  
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Regarding Last Words:

- Interesting internet search
- Different circumstances: unexpected, know it's coming, humorous, tragic
  - General John Sedgwick, Bing Crosby, Michael Faraday

Background (Set-Up)

- Paul – persecuted Christians, conversion, planted churches, wrote much of NT, pillar of the faith
- Writing from prison, knew his life would end soon
- Timothy – good friend, protégé (mentoree)

Passage: 2 Timothy 4:6 & 7

Poured out; drink offering  
Time for departure is near  
“...good fight, finished race, kept the faith.”

The heart of the matter: Paul encourages us to end well  
Illustrates with running a race

VIDEO – race illustration from “Chariots of Fire”

***\*Paul encourages us to end well, as he has...And we can when we remember Paul's reminders***

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:10 – 13

Timothy knows everything that Paul has been through  
Paul has finished well anyway

***Reminder: Persecution Will Come***

Helps us anticipate suffering and hardship  
Helps us press on thru the persecution

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 17

Continue (keep going) because of what you know  
You (Timothy) know me (Paul)  
You know scripture (God's truth)

***Reminder: You Know What is Right and True***

Don't be misled  
Truth is not relative

Passage: 2 Timothy 4:1 – 5

Timothy: Preach the Word (as an evangelist)  
For all Believers: love God, love neighbor, obey, repent, worship, pray, etc.)

***Reminder: Do What You Were Meant to Do***

If you don't know, find out what God might have you to do (like preach for Timothy)  
Comment on Sound Doctrine vs. Itching Ears

If you're going to run a race, RACE. If you're going to be a Jesus follower, BE a Jesus follower.

Ask: Why would we want to end well?

Passage: 2 Timothy 4:8

A crown of righteousness – from the race illustration (laurel wreath)

We can finish well.