

You Finished Well!

God's command for Joshua was to "Keep moving forward! Be people in pursuit of God's will and purpose!"

- * Paul writes to the Philippians from prison and encourages them to "press on" toward the high calling Christ has placed on their lives and their church.

Moses and Moving Forward – "I have given you this land, now take possession of it!"

- * "Given" by way of **p** _____ **e**.
- * "Possessed" by way of **b** _____ **l** _____.

Things weren't easy. Things weren't always "nice". As we move forward into God's purpose at C3, we cannot be surprised when things aren't always easy or nice. We, like Moses, are also in a battle. (Eph. 6)

Each of us and Mo _____ Forward

- * It is with joy and simultaneous heartache that Kate and I both sense our ministry at Cornerstone in Red Wing has come to an end. It is time for a Joshua to move the church into God's next chapter.
- * The church is in good condition and position to move ahead with God's _____ **si** _____ and blessing.
- * For the _____ **a** _____ **bs**, this is a time to transition into the next lap of our life and ministry. Kate and I must make sure we are "running God's race" as we move into the next, and possibly, last lap of ministry and life.
- * Anyone else want to come along? (1968 Olympics – "My Country didn't send me here to start a race, but to _____ **n** _____ **h**!")
- * Jesus cry of victory was: It is ... _____

2 Timothy 4:6 – As for me, my life has already been poured out as a drink offering to God. The time of my death is near. (7) I've *fought* the good **fight**. I've *finished* the **race**. I've remained *faithful*. (8) And now the prize awaits me – the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Galatians 2:2 – I went to Jerusalem to meet privately with those esteemed as leaders. I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. **I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain.**

Drink offering: I'm crossing the finish line of life. God is there. He is greatly pleased in me. He has accepted the way I lived my life as a pleasing, aromatic sacrifice.

- * Here's why – From the **beg** _____ of my faith journey until the end, I fought the fight, I finished the race, I remained faithful to Christ.

I have fought the good fight: The way I lived my life – How I fought, finished, and remained faithful – can and will have an everlasting impact on God and others. Wow! Talk about a deposit that **I m** _ _ **c** _ _ eternity!!

- * 1 Timothy 1:18 – Timothy, my son, ... fight the battle well ...
- * 1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of the faith.
- * 2 Timothy 4:4 – I have fought the good fight (text).
- * 1 Corinthians 9:26 – I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.
- * 2 Corinthians 10:4 – The weapons we fight with are not of this world.

Battle wounds: If we have legitimately followed Christ for any length of time, shouldn't there be some wounds that came because of our light shining into darkness?

- * When you and I come to the end of the day, and then, ultimately, to the end of our lives, will we be able to look back and say, "I have been involved in the struggle for the _ **a u** _ _ of Christ"?
- * It is not just any fight, but the **g** _ _ _ fight that brings about the glory of God and the salvation of souls.
- * What a fulfilling thrill, when it comes time to die, to look back on our past and be able to say, "I've been a part of the great struggle for the cause of Christ!"