

# Running To Win

Proclamation Life Groups; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Week of Sunday, August 21, 2016; Steve Thiel

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**As you remain faithful to preach the gospel, you can rest in God's grace, remember God's faithfulness, and look forward to God's reward, the crown of righteousness which He promises to all those who love Christ's appearing.**

## **I. Timothy's Call to Faithfulness – Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5**

- A. What do you think it means to preach the word “in season and out of season” (vv.1-2)?
  
- B. If you were asked to preach at this moment, would you have a bible passage that you could walk through and teach? What critical ideas would you want to include in that message?
  
- C. What do people want to hear (v.3)? What do they need to hear (v.4-5)? How is that helpful?
  
- D. In what areas do you need to grow as an evangelist? What is your plan for growth?

## **II. Paul's Example of Faithfulness – Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

- A. What do you think it means to be poured out as a drink offering?
  
- B. Paul says in other passages that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and that is far better. Are you convinced that “departure” is better than life? Why or why not?
  
- C. What does it mean to fight the good fight of faith (v.7)? How are you fighting the good fight?
  
- D. In what ways is the crown of righteousness a motivation for enduring suffering? How often do you think about death? How is it helpful? What are you looking forward to in heaven?

## **III. More Examples of Faithfulness – Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22**

- A. What role do fellow Christians play in your spiritual journey? Do you think that you grow more on your own or with a friend? How is the church vital to your spiritual growth?
  
- B. Why is it helpful to know that some professing believers may abandon the faith (vv.14-15)?
  
- C. What does it mean that the Lord rescued Paul from every evil deed (vv.17-18)?
  
- D. What is the most helpful thing that you learned from the book of 2 Timothy?