

# Sunday Morning in the Word



2 Timothy 4:6-8

January 20, 2019

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH



REDISCOVERING THE MOST REMARKABLE  
CHAPTER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Coming to Grace February 2019

Guard

Persevere

Proclaim

2 Timothy  
4:6-8

**THE  
GOSPEL**

A wooden cross stands in the center of the image, set against a background of tall, golden-brown grasses and a soft, hazy sunset sky. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams, with some dark spots or knots visible on the wood. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.



Benjamin Franklin

“In this world nothing can be certain, except death and taxes.”

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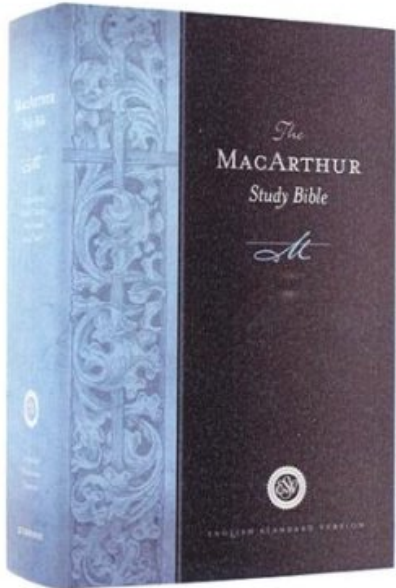
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**MacArthur Study Bible Note: a drink offering.** In the OT sacrificial system, this was the final offering that followed the burnt and grain offerings prescribed for the people of Israel (Num. 15:1–16). Paul saw his coming death as his final offering to God in a life that had already been full of sacrifices to him.

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**Preaching the Word Commentary:** Why a “crown of righteousness” instead of, say, a crown of glory? Because righteousness is the greatest need we sinful humans have. It is the singular thing we cannot do for ourselves. And it is from “the crown of righteousness” that all other crowns will come. Paul looked up through the bars to the future and saw the Morning Star, Jesus Christ, bearing in his hand Paul’s future “crown of righteousness.”



Kent Hughes



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## “The Great Exchange”

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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3. I would do more things that would live on after I'm dead.

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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

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# Three Essential Elements of a Life of No Regret

1. A Christward direction - *"I have fought the good fight"*

## A Christward Direction

For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

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A Christward direction - *"I have fought the good fight"*

A lifelong endurance - *"I have finished the race"*

## A Lifelong Endurance

Five times I received the forty lashes minus one from the Jews. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, and dangers among false brothers;

2 Corinthians 11:23-26

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toil and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and without clothing. Not to mention other things, there is the

<sup>2</sup>Corinthians 11:27-28 daily pressure on me: my concern for<sup>CSB</sup>



**Lifelong endurance grows out  
of a Christward direction.**  
When you keep your mind, heart,  
and soul focused on Jesus Christ  
and His eternal kingdom, you will  
stay in the race and keep  
running, no matter how tough the  
going gets!



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We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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We always carry the death of **Jesus** in our body, so that the life of **Jesus** may also be displayed in our body. For we who live are always being given over to death for **Jesus'** sake, so that **Jesus'** life may also be displayed in our mortal flesh ... For we know that the one who raised the Lord **Jesus** will also raise us with **Jesus** and present us with you.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11, 14

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Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. **Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS**, the source and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a

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Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9

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Paul lived his life in consistent alignment with what he believed. That's integrity!

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**Omaha NE  
10K race  
(6.2 miles)**



## A Life of No Regret?

So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have **confidence** and **not be ashamed** before him at his coming.

1 John 2:28

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