

THE STORY

Sermon Outline
May 7, 2017
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Final Days

Chapter 30 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Three descriptions of the Christian life from a seasoned Christ follower:

1) It's like a _____.

1 John 3:13 - Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

People are never the _____.

Ephesians 6:12a - For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

"The Enemy wouldn't mess with you if you weren't messing with him. Opposition from the Enemy is often a good sign, a vital sign. You're on the verge of a breakthrough." **Mark Batterson**

Fortunately we don't fight _____ victory, we fight _____ victory.

1 John 3:8b - The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

2) It's like a _____.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

The Christian life is a _____ not a _____.

Hebrews 12:1-2a - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

3) Your faith will be _____.

1 Peter 1:6-7 - In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith...may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Timothy 1:19 - holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

The nature of faith sometimes requires believing "_____."

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Nero wanted to be a _____.

Paul wanted to leave a _____.