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FINISH STRONG

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*2 Timothy 4:7
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

Athletes are obsessed with finishing strong. A race or game may be lost despite an excellent start if the athlete or team does not finish strong. Life

is just the same.

God expects Christians to finish strong and He provides three excellent tips through Paul's declaration in 2 Timothy 4:7 nearing the end of his life. Here they are:

Fight the Good Fight. That is, fight the right battle: the battle to honor Christ in this life. We all invest our lives in something, but is it the right thing? Excelling at the wrong

thing is as much a waste of your life as carelessly doing nothing. Life is not to be wasted striving to fulfil fleshly desires. Nor is it to be wasted on "noble," but ultimately unimportant projects. It is to be invested in God's plans and goals for us and our world. Are you focused on living your life for Jesus? Is He your reason for getting out of bed in the mornings?

Finish the Race. It is great that you have started to follow Jesus. Remain committed to Him. Finish the race. Is there a specific ministry God has entrusted to you? Stay with it. Finish the race. There will be times of great triumphs and times of profound disappointments. Stay with it. Do not let criticism and occasional failures deter you. Finish the race. The Christian path is littered with the remains of too many who started well, but fell away. Do not join them. Finish the race. Have you been knocked down by

adversity? [I say this kindly.] Don't just lie there. Get back up. Finish the race!

Keep the Faith. Know the truths of Scripture. Hold steadfastly to them. Reject the unbiblical "innovations" and dangerous deceptions that will try to lure you away from Christ. Maintain your confidence in Christ. He will keep His promises to you. He will sustain you in life and welcome you home after death. Do not let circumstances corrupt your faith. Stay true to Jesus.

By God's grace, Fight the Good Fight, Finish the Course, Keep the Faith.

Finish Strong!

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

DEC 5

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

DEC 8

In-person at church.
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

DEC 17

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

DEC 10

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

DEC 10

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

- Explore Mountain Stream classes for those interested in becoming members or just finding out more about our church continue next Sunday @ 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Counter to attend.
- Join us for our Christmas Service on December 24 @ 11 am and our Christmas Eve service at 6 pm.
- Join us for New Year's Eve Service December 31 @ 10:30 pm.
- Rebecca Tinubu-Joyner is to be received into membership shortly. If you have any comments, please see Pastor James
- If you would like to supply a Christmas gift for a Nursing Home resident, you may sign up at the Information Counter or contact Tom Watson for more information.
- Nominations for Church Officers for 2024 will be on December 10th. Please see the Information Center for more information and be praying about whom God would have you nominate.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:15pm at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!