

# Sermon Series – “Pauline Reflections”

## Part 1 – “Fight the Good Fight”

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Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Most times before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the year, or at the toll of twelve, many embark on a journey to \_\_\_\_\_ a new year’s resolution. Unfortunately, this mission becomes \_\_\_\_\_ as long before the month of \_\_\_\_\_ rolls around, many have \_\_\_\_\_ off the track to their goals. But while there is nothing wrong with such resolutions, we must recognize that it is not so much about having a \_\_\_\_\_ start but that you \_\_\_\_\_ well. The passage for today bears this out as this was the experience of the Apostle Paul who knew \_\_\_\_\_ well what it was like not to start right, but who overcame the odds as “chief of sinners” (*see 1 Timothy 1:15 NKJV*) to be \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, not just to God but also to his \_\_\_\_\_ man. What can we learn from Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ words to Timothy that we can have the same confidence when \_\_\_\_\_ our race? Let us pray as we open God’s word.

### Finishing Like Paul (*2 Timothy 4:6-8*)

1. What was Paul \_\_\_\_\_ saying about himself as a *drink offering*? v6; *Ph. 2:17*
2. Did Paul think he would \_\_\_\_\_ off to heaven with his departure? v6; *1 Th. 4:13-18*
3. How should we understand this *good* \_\_\_\_\_ to which he referred? v7; *Rm. 7:15-25*
4. What grand \_\_\_\_\_ awaits all who are faithful to God’s call? v8; *Job 19:25-26*

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We are homeward bound. He who loved us so much as to die for us hath builded for us a city. The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. There will be no sadness in the city of God. No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections, will ever more be heard. Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment. Soon we shall witness the coronation of our King. Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

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*Will you endeavor to Fight this good Fight of Faith?*