



Fight to the Finish

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-10

The goal of getting stronger isn't beginning well, and it isn't progressing well, it is to finally get to the place where we can finish well.

What does it mean to you to finish well?

What has kept you from, or is keeping you from, finishing well?

Read I John 2:15-17

We heard about Big 3 things that tend to get in our way:

1. **The Lust of the Flesh** - has to do with the gratification of the flesh, what makes us feel good physically. -this would be sexual sins, gluttony, drug use and drunkenness.
2. **Lust of the Eyes** - the possessions we think will make us happy. -These sins would be what we see and desire to have, but the object we want is not ours to have because it belongs to someone else.
3. **Pride of Life** - what we want people to see us as being. -This is the arrogance that one has when they boast about themselves, their accomplishments, or their possessions.

From the very first sin, the Devil has known how to get us, but our hope is not in our history. Our hope is in His-story. Though Adam and Eve fell to these temptations from Satan; Jesus faced all these temptation and beat the Devil. He remained strong and finished well. How do we beat the Devil at his own game, remain strong and finish well?

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. -Samuel Johnson

The Keys to Perseverance are Priorities, Prayer, Purpose, and Posse.

- What is your #1 priority in life? Is that the thing you want to be #1 in your life?
- When do you pray? What do you pray for? Why do you pray? Does your prayer draw you closer to God?
- What is our purpose as Christians? As the church? What is your purpose? What is God calling you to specifically? What are you doing to achieve that calling?
- Who is in in your Posse? Who should be in your Posse?

Read Hebrews 3:12-14

How can we get help each other and pray for each other?