

NO REGRETS

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Introduction:

1. Paul could look back upon his life with no regrets.
 - a. He had events he was not proud of (i.e. persecuting the church, the death of Steven)
 - b. He had been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and therefore regret was gone.
2. We, like Paul, can look back upon our lives with no regrets.
3. We look back with no regrets when we...

I. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

A. ABLE TO ABSORB A PUNCH

1. Paul was able when he was stoned and left for dead -Ac 14:19, 20
2. We have trials and tribulation and must get back to our feet

B. ABLE TO DELIVER A PUNCH

1. This is able to defend the faith -Jude 3
2. Paul was able -Ac 17:1-ff

II. FINISH THE RACE

A. THE TYPE OF RACE WE RUN

1. It is no a 100 yd dash
2. It is a marathon. We are in it for the long haul -Re 2:10

B. WE MUST COUNT THE COST

1. According to the words of Jesus -Lk 9:59-ff
2. Ananias told Paul the things he would suffer for Jesus; he preached fearlessly

III. KEEP THE FAITH

A. NEVER COMPROMISE TRUTH

1. Paul never reverted back, but pressed on -Ph 3:12
2. Paul knew what he had to gain in Christ -Ph 3:8-ff

B. THE VALUE OF TRUTH

1. Buy truth and sell it not -Pr 23:23
2. The truth sets us free from sin -Jn 8:31-ff

Conclusion:

1. We may have some regrets looking back.
2. However, when our sins have been washed by the blood of Jesus we have the greatest future