

All In at the End  
2 Timothy 4:6-18  
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Be All In for the **PLEASURE** of God and a **POWERFUL** testimony.

And we looked at Paul's words to the church in Thessalonica...

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12** — *1 Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.*

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**2 Timothy 4:6-18** — *6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*

1. Intentional about the **JOURNEY**. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

**Romans 12:1** — *1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**Acts 20:24** — *24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

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2. Purposeful about **RELATIONSHIPS**. 2 Timothy 4:9-13

In these next few verses, Paul mentions 8 different people.

**9 Do your best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. 12 Tychicus I**

have sent to Ephesus. **13** When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

**Acts 15:37-40** — **37** Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. **38** But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. **39** And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, **40** but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

3. Rational about **CONFLICT**. 2 Timothy 4:14-15

**14** Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. **15** Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

4. Worshipful in the **MISSION**. 2 Timothy 4:16-18

**16** At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! **17** But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Acts 23:11** — **11** The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

1. What did Paul think about his present, past and future circumstances (v.6)?
2. Why is it so difficult for us to have a proper perspective about the end of our journey in this world?
3. What would we need to do now to be able to say like Paul, that we had fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith (v.7)?
4. How can you tell that Paul wasn't boasting when he said that the crown of righteousness was laid up for him (v.8)?
5. Who were the people Paul mentioned in these closing verses and what does that tell us about the importance of relationships (v.9-13)?
6. How can we make sure that we don't make the same mistake that Demas made (v.10)?
7. Why was Paul's statement about Mark being useful so important (v.11)?
8. What was Paul's attitude towards Alexander and what should ours be towards those who do us harm (v.14)?
9. How did Paul demonstrate the same kind of attitude as Jesus did as He came to the end of His life (v.16)?
10. Where did Paul find the strength and encouragement to be all in at the end (v.17-18)?