

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing.

1. ONE SOBERING REALITY

2 Timothy 4:6 - For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.

First, he said "I am being poured out like a drink offering."

Second, he said "the time for my departure has come."

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

A Greek Wrestler "I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT."

A Greek Runner "I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE."

A Roman Soldier "I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."

2. THREE CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

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

AM I ENGAGED IN A WORTHY STRUGGLE? Am I fighting the "good fight"?

AM I STAYING ON COURSE? Am I Running the Race?

Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

- **Let us throw off everything that hinders** = things that slow us down.
- **And the sin that so easily entangles** = things that trip us up.

Hebrews 12:2 - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Am I staying on course?

AM I TREASURING THE FAITH? Am I Keeping the Faith?

3. ONE CONFIDENT ASSURANCE

2 Timothy 4:8 - Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.

**Start Strong, Stay Strong and Finish Strong
by always remembering why you're doing it in the first place.**