

Paul Finishes Well: Faith in Tension
Unstoppable Faith: A Faith That Won't Quit! Pt. 8
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2 Timothy 4:6, *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.*

Acts 21:10, *While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."*

1. Paul Surrendered Early

"My life is not mine"

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Acts 21:14, *And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."*

Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

2. Finishing Well Requires Letting Go of Control

We Love Control Because It Gives Us: Predictability, Comfort, Safety

3. The Finish Is Determined in the Tension

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"I have fought the good fight,"

2 Timothy 4:8, *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.*