

# PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY

## Completing Our Individual Christian Journey

2 Tim 4:6-7 NIV

- <sup>6</sup>- For I am already being poured out like a drink offering,  
and the time has come for my departure.  
<sup>7</sup>- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

The Apostle Paul taught young Timothy the importance of staying the course as he faced the hardships connected with his life journey. Each of us must understand the importance of our own personal journey. As Christians, we accept our responsibility as being “**Our Brother’s Keeper**”. We do not travel through our personal life journey without affecting everyone we come in contact with. The affect can be Good - Bad - Ugly or even Indifferent, but never Nonexistent. Our journey does affect everyone we meet in life.

Paul was saying that his life’s journey was soon coming to a close. So as he looked back on the course that had been set before him by God, he wanted to emphasize two important facts of his journey. He had fought the battles necessary to finish the race. Finishing the Race was the battle. His victory was in keeping the Faith, not in winning the race, but in the completing of it. He was responsible for staying on God’s assigned path for his earthly journey. That way, all those whom he came in contact with, would “See Jesus In Him”. That’s the mission of every Christian.

There are a multiplicity of battles each of us must face throughout our life’s journey. We are not to focus on the Winning but the Running. Jesus has already won our eternal race for us. Our focus must be on the finishing part of this earthly race. We do not have the right to quit the race, but an obligation to complete it. That’s “**Victory in Jesus**”.

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