

FBC POWELL, 2-3-08 AM NOTES
“AN OVERVIEW OF THE JOURNEY”
2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8
(#1 in Series, “The Journey”)

Colossians 2:3 (NKJV) “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Our journey can be mapped out and understood around three words: **salvation, sanctification, and glorification.**

I. The Purpose of the Journey (v. 6)

Philippians 2:17 (NKJV) “Yes, and if I am being poured out *as a drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.”

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*”

2 Samuel 23:14-17a (NKJV) “David *was* then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem. And David said with longing, ‘Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by the gate!’ So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that *was* by the gate, and took it and brought *it* to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord. And he said, ‘Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this! Is *this not* the blood of the men who went in *jeopardy of* their lives?’ Therefore he would not drink it...”

Philippians 1:20b (AMP) “Now as always heretofore, Christ (the Messiah) will be **magnified and get glory and praise in this body of mine** and be boldly exalted in my person, whether through (by) life or through (by) death.”

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (NKJV) “This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*”

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

II. The Pictures of the Journey (v. 7)

A. A Battle (v. 7a)

2 Corinthians 10:3 (NKJV) “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not **war** according to the flesh.”

1 Timothy 1:18 (NKJV) “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare.**”

1 Timothy 6:12a (NKJV) “Fight the good **fight** of faith...”

“In the early days when Christianity exercised a dominant influence over American thinking, men conceived of the world to be a battleground. Our fathers believed in sin and the devil and hell as constituting one force; and they believed in God and righteousness and heaven as the other...Man, so our fathers held, had to choose sides; he could not be neutral. For him it must be life or death, heaven or hell, and if he chose to come out on God’s side he could expect war

with God's enemies. The fight would be long and deadly and would last as long as life continued here below...How different today: the fact remains the same but the interpretation has changed completely. Men think of the world not as a battleground, but as a playground. We are not here to fight; we are here to frolic..."

—A. W. Tozier

"Man, it is great to be in the thick of the fight, to draw the old devil's heaviest guns, to have him at you with depression and discouragement, slander, disease. He doesn't waste time on a luke-warm bunch. He hits good and hard when a fellow is hitting him. You can always measure the weight of your blow by the one you get back. When you are on your back with fever and at your last ounce of strength, when some of your converts backslide, when you learn that your most promising inquirers are only fooling, when your mail gets held up, and some don't bother to answer your letters, is that the time to put on mourning? No, sir. That's the time to pull out the stops and shout 'Hallelujah!' The old fellow is getting it in the neck and hitting back. Heaven is leaning over the battlements and watching. 'Will he stick with it?' And as they see who is with us, as they see the unlimited reserves, the boundless resources, as they see the impossibility of failure, how disgusted and sad they must be when we run away. Glory to God! We are not going to run away. We are going to stand!"

—Letter from a missionary in the jungles of New Guinea

B. A Race (v. 7b)

2 Corinthians 10:12b (NKJV) "But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

C. Keeping a Sacred Trust (v. 7c)

Galatians 2:11-14 (NKJV) "Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV) "But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts."

III. The Prize of the Journey (v. 8)

2 Timothy 4:8 (AMP) "[As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me *and* recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved *and* yearned for *and* welcomed His appearing (His return)."

*The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Immanuel's land.*