

Sermon Notes

Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series Part 6

October 22nd – 23rd, 2022

- **Saul to Paul: A Good Hope Vision Series**
- We are looking at some of the life of Paul the Apostle, his transformation and experiences...
 - o VISION STATEMENT => Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out
- **Last Week: Run to Win the Prize!**
 - o **1 Cor 9:24-27** and **Phil 3:12-14**
 - o We talked about how Paul ran to win the prize in Philippi while in the inner cell...
- **This Week: Finish the Race!**
- Paul ran in such a way as to win the prize.
- Some Good Hope Church Vision for how we win the prize as a church:
 - o Foundations Class/Partner Class.
 - Empowerment Model, we need volunteers, pastors too – MNSOM, etc.
 - o Co-Location Ministry Model
 - o Kingdom Investments
 - o Pastor's Appreciation Month
- Paul ran to win, and he also ran to the finish line. **2 Timothy 4:6-8**
 - o **2 Tim 4:7**
 - Paul fought the good fight. This life is a battle. Fight the "good" fight.
 - Paul finished the race. Paul wrote from Rome in captivity. He would die there.
 - Paul kept the faith to the end. Let's stand strong for Jesus!
 - o **2 Tim 4:8**
 - Now Paul gets the prize!!
 - Helping others is worth it in itself: kindness/love, evangelism, teaching/sharing
 - Knowing God is worth it in itself: Holy Spirit empowerment, leading, worship...
 - Overcoming, learning, growing are worth it in themselves.
 - But there is also a reward!!
 - Eternal life – get to walk the streets of gold! My orchard request.
 - Plus, some sort of bonus program!! **1 Cor 3:10-15**
- That being said, there can still be discouraging times. **Hebrews 10:32-39**
 - o Insult, loss, and just attrition. It can be a challenge.
 - o There is a solution for discouragement.
 - Some helpful things that aren't the full solution: realistic expectations mixed with big faith, learning from mistakes and getting better rather than blaming others, finding ways to help other people, etc.
- The solution to the discouragement mentioned in Hebrews 10 is given in **Hebrews 12:1-3**.
 - o Fix your eyes on Jesus. My thought experiment that I do in prayer...
 - o Jesus made it. Paul made it. You can make it too.
 - o Let's pray to finish the race and keep the faith.
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.