

SERMON NOTE: What Makes Life Worthwhile

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Bible Reference: Acts 20:17-24 NIV

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

<http://bible.com/111/act.20.17-24.NIV>

Intro: Acts 19:8-10 NIV

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

<http://bible.com/111/act.19.8-10.NIV>

We should live our lives of legacy

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/mat.5.14-16.NIV>

Obama asked a group of young people, how would you want to live your life?

A life that people will remember you with what you achieved or as a man of integrity?

Mahatma Gandhi in reply to people who try to evangelize to him, Christian should live

More like JESUS

Faith Without any alteration

Emphasize love which is the heart of the Gospel

Paul's Humility

Philippians 3:5-11 NIV

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<http://bible.com/111/php.3.5-11.NIV>

Paul's Perseverance

2 Corinthians 11:24-31 NIV

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led

into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The GOD and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.
<http://bible.com/111/2co.11.24-31.NIV>

Faithful in Preaching the Gospel

Living A Spirit-Filled Life (v22-23)

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 NIV

so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.

<http://bible.com/111/1th.3.3-4.NIV>

1Thess 3:3-4

Living a Purposeful Life (v24)

Live a purpose driven Life, chief end of man is to glorify GOD

2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

<http://bible.com/111/2ti.4.7.NIV>

Would we say LORD take my life n be consecrated?

Conclusion

The Christian life is a struggle, but it is struggle of race, to complete be the race.. For the reward of "Good and faithful servant"