



**"I have finished the race."** (2 Tim 4:7)

**Three relatable illustrations, each with a long-term goal:**

- A \_\_\_\_\_, aiming to please the one who enlisted him (2:3-4)
- An \_\_\_\_\_, competing according to the rules (2:5)
- A hard-working \_\_\_\_\_, working for a harvest of crops (2:6)

**Three things we all need to finish the race:**

- The strength of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1; Heb 13:9)
- To \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, risen and reigning (2:8; Psa 106:13)
- \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness

**Perspective for the meantime:**

- "The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith has been handed to me." (2:2a)
- "My responsibility is to faithfully carry it and \_\_\_\_\_ it off." (2:2b)
- The word of God is never \_\_\_\_\_. (2:9; Acts 8:1-4)
- The worst case scenario: never escaping the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil (2:26) or \_\_\_\_\_ from the truth. (2:18)
- The best news ever: because of Jesus (2:8), we can come to our \_\_\_\_\_ (2:26), \_\_\_\_\_ from iniquity (2:19), \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from what is dishonorable (2:21), and obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus (2:10).