What do these people have in common…
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1. People who finish well…See their lives as offerings  (2 Timothy 4:6)
God’s Expectation and Paul’s Life
- He’s #1
- He is worth it!
- Living for God is a joy!  (Phil. 3:4-11; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 1:20-21)

Have you given everything to God as an offering?

If not, what is holding you back from giving everything to follow Him?

2. People who finish well…stay the course through difficulty (2 Timothy 4:7)
Paul lived a life of difficulty

The Roman Empire under Nero

I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 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, 26 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. 27 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. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:23 – 28

Our faith is and will be tested, we suffer on our journey. Looking back, how have you seen God be faithful through your sufferings?

Are you trusting Him as you go through hard times?

3. People who finish well…Keep their eyes on the prize (2 Timothy 4:8)
Paul looked forward to receiving the crown of righteousness
- On that day, all believers will be saved.
- The Lord will judge the lives of all believers (1 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 14:10-12)
- For the purpose of rewards (2 Cor. 5:10)
- Our judgment will be based on works and rewarding only (1 Cor. 3:12-15)

So what are you investing your life in? Are you living in light of eternity?

When you’re looking back on your life, what would you like to be able to say about your faith?
About the way you lived?