



Session # 16: WIP = TBA
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Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. —Ephesians 5:14

Party on dude?
Adventure or journey

The end from the beginning and so what?
1 Corinthians 9:24 is your focus

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Hebrews 12:1 is your process

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

2 Timothy 4:7 is the end...or is it?

⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

But wait, there's more!

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 or qualified for what?

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: ^[a]The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin ^[b]for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In the meantime

Psalms 119:105 is your illumination

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 is your touchstone

²⁰For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²²set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

I wanna be there...

John 15:1-5 or hanging out vs hanging in

¹⁵“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 means we've got a job to do, period

⁴In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Be sure to add a little cinnamon

Ephesians 2:10 or working things out

¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

And in conclusion....

Do you have a soft spot?

(DON'T) hold your breath

Questions for Small Group Discussion

1 What are your big takeaways from year 10 of Men's Life?

2 How is your sense of God's call on your life changing?

3 What will help you hang in and do your job?

4 What will help you breath so you can continue to wake up and grow?