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kumaliza haki, kuanza sasa

WAEFESO 3: 7-21

"Nimevipiga vita vilivyo vizuri, mwendo nimeumaliza, imani nimeilinda ... vitenzi zote tatu ni katika kamili (kamili ya unabii labda). Hata kama Paulo bado yuko hai na kuandika maneno hayo anaona maisha yake aliishi kwa ajili ya Kristo kama kamili ... na kama mwalimu wangu Kigiriki, Roger Hahn daima alipenda wanasema kwa wakati kamilifu - kukamilika hatua ambayo ina kuendelea na madhara yanayoendelea ... Mimi kama wazo - maisha yetu ya kumaliza kuendelea kuzungumza, na ushawishi, kufanya tofauti katika maisha ya watu tuna aliwahi. Hivyo ndivyo kuacha urithi - M. Jackson, TNU (2017)!

Soma Waefeso 3:20 kwa makini. Kisha kufikiria nini Mungu anaweza kufanya katika wewe na kwa njia ya wewe-wewe kama jamii, wewe kama mtu binafsi. Sasa kutafakari juu ya ukweli kwamba Mungu ni kikamilifu uwezo wa mara mbili ya hapo, trebling kwamba, alikwenda mbele zaidi yake kwamba ungependa kuangalia nyuma kwa wakati huu na ajabu jinsi unaweza kuwa hivyo usiokuwa. Lakini hii si hila uchawi. nguvu ya Mungu si yetu ya kufanya na kama sisi kama. Kama unataka kupata kwenye ramani ya mstari wa 20, kupata kwenye ramani ya sura tatu kwamba kuletwa Paul kwa hatua hii - N.T. Wright (2004).

Kwa upande wangu, maisha yangu tayari kumiminwa kama sadaka kwa Mungu. Wakati wa kifo yangu ni karibu. Nimevipiga vita vilivyo vizuri, mwendo nimeumaliza, na mimi kuwa mwaminifu. Na sasa zawadi watapata me-taji ya haki, ambayo Bwana, mhukumu mwenye haki, atanipa siku ya kurudi kwake. Na tuzo si tu kwa ajili yangu lakini kwa wote ambao shauku kuangalia mbele kwa kuonekana yake. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Wiki ijayo: *Marvelous Revelation!*

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Finish Right, Start Now

EPHESIANS 3:7-21

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith... all three verbs are in the perfect (prophetic perfect perhaps). Even though Paul is still alive and writing these words, he views his life lived for Christ as complete... and as my Greek teacher, Roger Hahn always loved to point out for the perfect tense – completed action that has continuing and ongoing repercussions... I like that idea – our finished lives continue to speak, to influence, to make a difference in the lives of those we have served. That's how we leave a legacy — M. Jackson, TNU (2017)!

Read Ephesians 3:20 carefully. Then think of what God might do in you and through you—you as a community, you as an individual. Now reflect on the fact that God is perfectly capable of doubling that, trebling that, going so far beyond it that you would look back at the present moment and wonder how you could be so short-sighted. But this isn't a magic trick. God's power is not our to do with as we like. If you want to get on the map of verse 20, get on the map of the three chapters that brought Paul to this point - N.T. Wright (2004).

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Next week: *Marvelous Revelation!*

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

maisha ya Paulo alianza akiwa njiani kwenda Dameski

Kwa njia ya majaribio, Paul kuaminiwa katika Mungu.

Paul nanga maisha yake matumaini katika Yesu.

Paul lilikuwa kumaliza vizuri kwa sababu:

- 1) Yeye tena maisha yake ya Kikristo kwa wengine.
- 2) Maisha yake sadaka kwa Mungu.
- 3) Kifo mara mpito, si mwisho.
- 4) Yeye alibakia "katika mashindano."
- 5) Yeye alikuwa na hamu ya kukutana na Bwana!

Na nani mimi kuzaliana maisha yangu ya Kikristo?

Jinsi gani naweza kuhimiza mtu wa kuendelea?

Kwa nini Mungu wito imani na jamii yetu?

THE STORY

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Paul's life truly began on the road to Damascus.

Through trials and loneliness, Paul trusted in God.

Paul anchored his life to hope in Jesus.

Paul was finishing well because:

- 1) He reproduced his life in Christ—in others.
- 2) He viewed his life as an offering to God.
- 3) Death was a transition, not an end.
- 4) He remained "in the race."
- 5) He was eager to meet the Lord!

With whom am I reproducing my Christian life?

How can I encourage someone to keep going?

To what is God calling our faith community?