

Jesus: God’s Final Word

A Faith that Finishes

Hebrews 12:12-17

The Great Imperative: “... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...” (12:1)

As we run ...

If we belong to Christ, we can count on the invincible determination of God to _____.

God promises to _____ us out of _____ for us.

Afterall, we are His _____, and he wants what is eternally _____ for us.

This “_____” comes in many forms ...

And when God’s discipline comes, we must:

Hebrews 12:12-13

Recall Isaiah 35:1-10:

We have to get up and get going again, knowing ...

Don’t _____ the struggle.

Don’t _____ the reward.

Don’t miss the _____ of the discipline.

Run to the end:

Hebrews 12:14-17

Where does “peace” come from?

¹⁴ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Heb. 12:11)

(And remember – the more _____ discipline I have, the less _____ discipline is required in my life!)

²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil. (Prov. 4:25-27)

The correlation between personal peace and holiness ...

Where does a “root of bitterness” come from? (And what is it?)

¹⁸ Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, ¹⁹ one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ (Deuteronomy 29:18-19a)

Some hard lessons from a hard life:

When you don’t sufficiently _____ the most important thing, you’ll _____ it in easily for far lesser things.

_____ and _____ are woefully insufficient goals to live for.

Some bad decisions cannot be _____.

¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. (Heb 12:17 NIV)

At some point, _____ is no longer _____.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 14, 2021

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

November 14 | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Center

Prayer Focus: Missions

Membership Matters

Wednesday, November 17 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Membership Matters class. Contact angie@calvarydothan or call the church office.

Community Ministry Opportunity

As the body of Christ, we have another opportunity to serve the neighbors of our city through the Love Dothan initiative.

When: Saturday, November 20, 8:00-12:00

Who: Residents of the Sullivan Heights neighborhood (neighborhood on either side of N. Cherokee Ave., north of Montgomery Highway)

Where: Coordination point for volunteers will be First Christian Church, located at 1401 N. Cherokee Ave., Dothan, AL 36303.

What to bring: Cleanup will be the primary focus of our service. Bring useful tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, rakes, and work gloves.

If you or your Life Group want to volunteer, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

Help Provide a Thanksgiving Meal for Fostering Hope Families

Calvary’s Women’s Ministry has agreed to provide 60 side dishes to foster families through Fostering Hope. The church will provide large aluminum pans and lids plus freezer space but we need ladies who can fill the dishes and have it ready to bake. Pans can be picked up in the church office. Side dishes needed are: macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, corn casserole, sweet potato casserole, and chicken and dressing. After it is all assembled, write on the outside of the container with permanent marker what the casserole/dish is and get it to the church by November 18 to be delivered to Fostering Hope on November 20.

Thanksgiving Communion Service

Join us Tuesday, November 23 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a service of thanksgiving and communion.

Preschool Ministry Needs

The Lord is blessing Calvary by bringing young families with their preschool aged children. We need the following:

- a baby teacher on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m.
- paid employees—must be 18 years old to apply.
- more VIPs - This is only 4 times per year—one time every 3 months.

For more information, contact Joyce Alexander (334) 798-4791 or Joyce@calvarydothan.com.

Calvary Preschool and Kindergarten Hiring

Calvary Preschool and Kindergarten is seeking to hire teacher assistants. These are part-time positions (7:30 am-12:00pm) with opportunity for full time (7:30am-5:15pm). If interested in applying, email Jaci Coleson at jaci@calvarydothan.com.

Want to help decorate for Christmas?

If you can help put up Christmas decorations at the church on Monday, November 22, call the church office or email rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

The Spiritual Marathon: Two Sides of Perseverance

Perseverance is hard. As one who has fought a losing battle with the practice of running, I can only gape in slack-jawed awe at those who have the spirit and endurance to run a 10k, let alone a marathon. Hence, it is a sobering comparison for me to acknowledge that our journey of faith is a spiritual marathon, not a sprint. The exhaustion of life can easily weigh us down, tempting us to throw in the towel and give up the race. Thankfully, Scripture does not leave us in the dark about how to endure these struggles. In the book of Jude, we find two realities about perseverance that we must keep in tension if we are to persevere in faith.

1. *Perseverance is the Believer’s Responsibility.* If we as believers do not take the time and energy to remain faithful, we will fall away. It is not feasible to simply float along for a lifetime on the euphoria of a conversion experience and early faith. It takes hard work on our part to avoid falling away. This is mentioned several times in the New testament. 1 Tim. 6:12 calls us to “fight the good fight of faith,” and Heb. 10:35-36 confirms that we “have need of endurance.”
2. *Perseverance is God’s Work.* We cannot live a full life of faith on our own. God plays a huge role in our perseverance. Jude reminds us that the Lord is able to “keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy” (Jude 1:24). God does not foist the entire responsibility of faith onto our shoulders. “He who began a good work in you will be faithful to bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6).

Believers can’t expect to sail effortlessly through life’s spiritual marathon. Life gets exhausting and gritty even for the most faithful followers. We have to make a conscious and painful effort to keep running after Christ and not collapse. But if we seek diligently to endure, God will provide us with the strength to persevere and keep running onwards toward the goal.

From *Am I Really a Christian* by Mike McKinley

Knowing God’s Word
Proclaim Truth Experience

Two Day Women’s Conference
January 29 & 29 | Fellowship Center

Experience the Proclaim Truth teaching with featured speakers (video) Jen Wilkin, Courtney Reissig, Whitney Capps, and Jackie Hill Perry. As a participant, you will.

- become more familiar with the whole story of scripture,
- be encouraged to know and pursue God more deeply,
- seek to share truth with others and deepen community among other believers.

Cost is \$35 and includes a canvas tote bag, participant workbook, dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

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I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/podcast or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

November 7

Life Groups: 484
10:00 Worship: 577
Hispanic Church: 124
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given November 7: \$55,265
Jan.-Sept. Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$308.13)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, November 14:

1 Kgs 7, Eph 4, Ezk 37, Ps 87-88

Monday, November 15:

1 Kgs 8, Eph 5, Ezk 38, Ps 89

Tuesday, November 16:

1 Kgs 9, Eph 6, Ezk 39, Ps 90

Wednesday, November 17:

1 Kgs 10, Phil 1, Ezk 40, Ps 91

Thursday, November 18:

1 Kgs 11, Phil 2, Ezk 41, Ps 92-93

Friday, November 19:

1 Kgs 12, Phil 3, Ezk 42, Ps 94

Saturday, November 20:

1 Kgs 13, Phil 4, Ezk 43, Ps 95-96

Midweek Schedule

5:30 pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center
6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00 pm Adult Choir

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Tommy Perry.....Community

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, November 14:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, November 20:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, November 21:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 17 | 6:00 pm

Genesis: Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 21 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

On the Other Side of Faith

Hebrews 12:18-24

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, November 24

No Midweek Service

Sunday, November 28 | 10:00 am

Jesus: God's Final Word

The Worship God Accepts

Hebrews 12:25-29

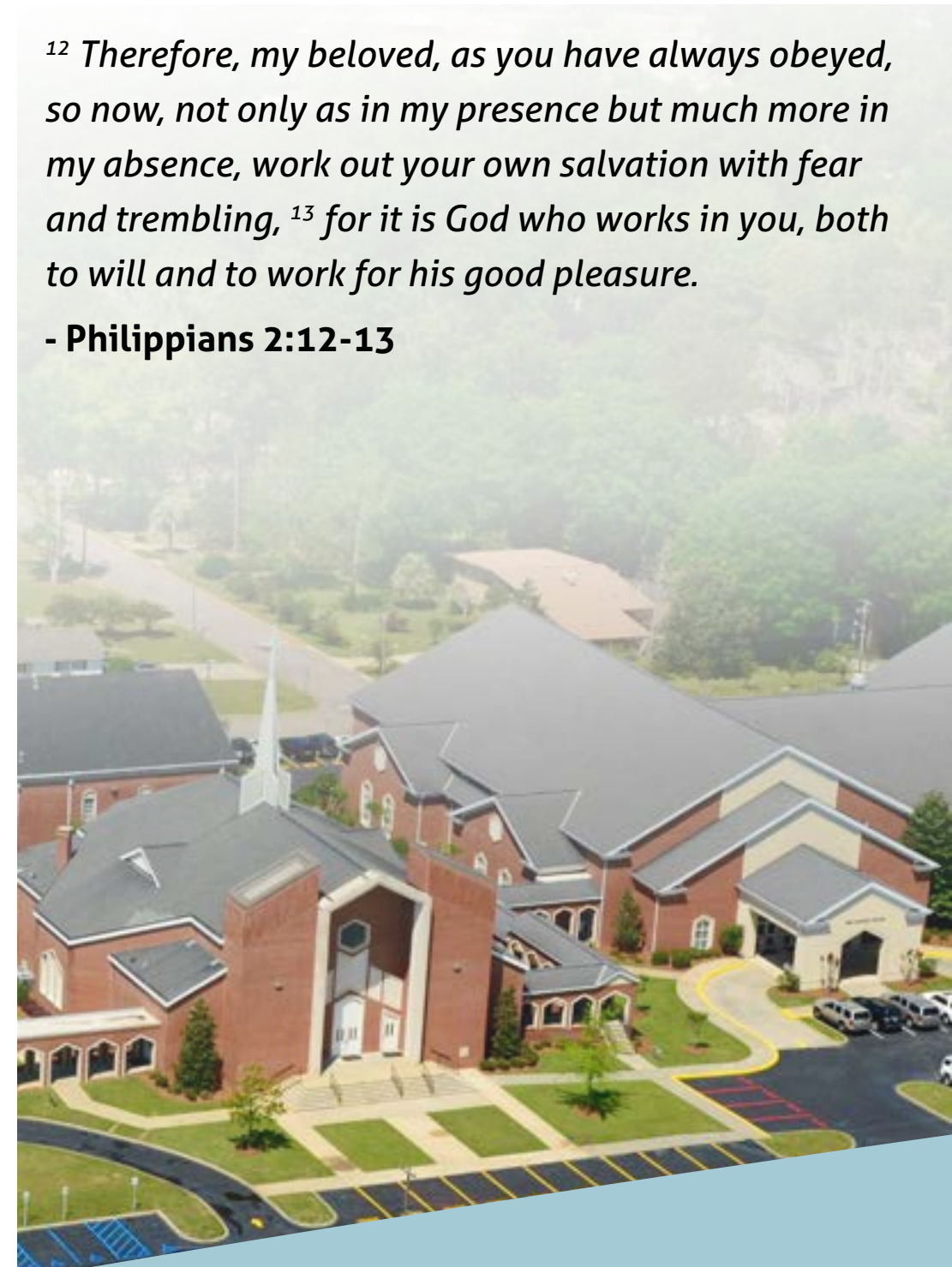
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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30 am Life Group
10:00 am Worship, Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
11:00 am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- Philippians 2:12-13



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH

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- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

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City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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