

## KEEP ON GOING !

### GOD IS STILL KING ~ 1 Timothy 6:13-16 (J. Stowell)

**1 Timothy 6:13-16** ...I charge you [14] to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and ONLY Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. [NIV]

#### Why - Keep On Fighting?

- Jesus will Return in God's Time
- God is the ONLY Ruler
- He is King of Kings
- He is Lord of Lords

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. [NIV]

### THE CHURCH IS STILL PRECIOUS ~ Titus 2:11-14 (J. Stowell)

**Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. [12] It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, [13] while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. [NIV]

#### Jesus Gave Himself...

- to Redeem us from Wickedness
- to Purify a People of His OWN
- who would be EAGER to do Good

### OUR MISSION IS STILL CLEAR ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (J. Stowell)

#### Our mission is to... (Matthew 28:19-20)

- Make Disciples
- Teach them to Obey God's Word

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! [18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20] We 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. [NIV]

#### We...

- Are a NEW Creation v. 17
- Have a Ministry of Reconciliation v.18
  - Reconciliation** = bring together, restore to harmony
- Are AMBASSADORS for Jesus Christ v. 20
- Implore people to come to Christ v. 20
  - Implore** = beg, plead

## OUR FOCUS IS STILL HEAVEN ~ 1 Peter 2:11 (J. Stowell)

**1 Peter 2:11-12** Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. [NIV]

### **Peter Reminds us that we are...**

- **Aliens** - living in a foreign country
- **Strangers** - outsiders

### **Peter Commands us to...**

- **to ABSTAIN from sinful desires**

### **Because those Sinful Desires...**

- **WAR against our souls**

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. [NIV]

## OUR VICTORY IS STILL CERTAIN ~ Romans 8:31-39 (J. Stowell)

**Romans 8:31-39** What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? [33] Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... [37] **No**, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [NIV]

### **Questions:**

- If God is For us Who is against us? v.31
- Won't He give us all things Along with His son? v.32
- Who can accuse us? v. 33
- WHO shall separate us from God's Love? vs. 35

### **Things that Cannot Separate us from God's Love: (vs. 38-39)**

- death or life
- angels or demons
- present or future
- ANY powers
- height or depth
- ANYTHING else in all creation

## OUR EXAMPLE IS STILL CHRIST ~ Hebrews 12:2-3

**Hebrews 12:1-3** (NLT) ...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. [2] We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. [3] Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.