

**THE ETHICS OF ENDURING MINISTRY:
DAILY CHOICES THAT FUEL PERSONAL AUTHENTICITY AND LIFE-TRANSFORMING IMPACT**
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"I am called to..."

*"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." **1 Peter 5:10***

"Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:11–12

SEMINAR SUMMARY: Many a Christian leader has stumbled and even stepped into disqualification. A limited life vision results in short-sighted outcomes. This workshop unpacks our calling to a "glorious finish" and the daily choices that take us beyond the finish line to the victory stand and, ultimately, the throne of glory.

- "Life really is all about what glory attracts your eyes and captures your heart. This is true because, as human beings, we're all glory junkies. We all live for glory in some way." **Paul Tripp**
- "It appears that all that is ever spoken of in the Scripture as an ultimate end of God's works is included in that one phrase, the glory of God." **Jonathan Edwards**

The New Testament writer's experience of glory

- Peter - _____ by glory
- John – _____ with glory
- Stephen – _____ by glory
- Saul – _____ by glory
- Paul – _____ to glory

Our New Covenant experience of glory

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Our New Covenant experience of glory

"for God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

A Personal Witness to "Inglorious" Journeys...

Four Essential Components:

R_____ -> R_____ -> R_____ -> R_____

REASONS:

“Humans are very seldom either totally sincere or totally hypocritical. Their moods change, their motives are mixed, and they are often themselves quite mistaken as to what their motives are.” C. S. Lewis

“If the fire has been brought from the right place and to the right place, we have a good beginning; and main elements of a glorious ending.” Charles Spurgeon

RHYTHMS:

- Worship vs. _____

“We are, in a certain sense, our own tools, and therefore must keep ourselves in order. . . . It will be in vain for me to stock my library, organize societies, or project schemes, if I neglect the culture of myself; for books, and agencies and systems, are only remotely the instruments of my holy calling; my own spirit, soul, and body, are my nearest machinery for sacred service; my spiritual faculties, and my inner life, are my battle axe and weapons of war.” Charles Spurgeon

The foundational, habitual pattern that sets the trajectory for either a glorious finish or a dishonorable disqualification is the daily choice between worship and neglect. (Glorious Finish)

“Sin is pursuing happiness where it cannot be lastingly found, or pursuing it in the right direction, but with lukewarm, halfhearted affections (Revelation 3:16). Virtue, on the other hand, is to do what we do with all our might in pursuit of the enjoyment of all that God is for us in Jesus. Therefore, the cultivation of spiritual appetite is a great duty for all the saints.” John Piper

“God is glorified in His people by the way we *experience Him, not merely by the way we think about Him. Indeed, the devil thinks more true thoughts about God in one day than a saint does in a lifetime, and God is not honored by it. The problem with the devil is not his theology, but his desires. Our chief end is to glorify God, the great object. We do so most fully when we treasure him, desire him, delight in him.*” John Piper

Our enemy’s constant objective is to promote a creeping encroachment of negligence that will neutralize our appetite for beholding His glory. Satan knows that simple neglect will lead to self-reliance and, eventually, all the expressions of shallowness, barrenness, and despondency that follow. (Glorious Finish)

- Humility vs. _____ - _____

RESULTS

- Authenticity vs. _____

- Accountability vs. _____
- Integrity vs. _____
- Joyful Hope vs. _____
- Glorious Finish vs. _____

REWARDS

- “I can only hope that you are wise enough, desirous enough, and spiritual enough to face up to the truth that every day is another day of spiritual preparation, another day of testing and discipline with our heavenly destination in mind.” A.W. Tozer
- “This life of ours on earth is but a preparatory one . . . go back a look at your life and put it into the context of eternity. Stop and ask yourself what it all means. It is nothing but a preparatory school this life is but the ante-chamber of eternity and all we do in this world is but anticipatory of that . . . ‘the world is too much with us’, that is our trouble. We are too immersed in our problems. We need to look ahead, to anticipate, to look forward to the eternal glories gleaming afar. The Christian life is a tasting of the first-fruits of that great harvest which is to come.”
D. Martyn Lloyd Jones
- “The Bible tells us that this life lays the foundation upon which eternal life is built. Eternity will hold for us what we have invested during our life on earth.” Randy Alcorn

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As we suffer in this life, we can have full confidence that the God of all grace, will restore the purity of our reasons, confirm the necessity of our rhythms, strengthen us for the results that matter, and establish our eternal reward – for His eternal glory!

For further study:
GLORIOUS FINISH:
KEEPING YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE OF ETERNITY
IN A TIME OF PASTORAL FAILINGS
 (Moody Publishers)