

# A Life Well-Lived

Welcome to worship. We are delighted that you are here.

Let us learn from the Apostle Paul in our sermon text this morning from 2 Timothy 4:6-8 that “the only life that bears being looked back upon is a life of Christian devotion and effort.”  
- Joseph Exell

In our sermon text, the Apostle Paul “faces his imminent death with honesty about the present (4:6), peace of mind about his past (v. 7), and confidence about his future, which holds an eternal reward (v.8)”  
The same can be true for us as well.  
- Gordon Fee

Entrust your past to God's mercy, your present to God's love  
and your future to God's providence.  
- Augustine

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION \* 9:00 AM Service \* Gathered Worship**

Almighty God,  
you alone can bring into order  
the unruly wills and affections of sinners:  
Grant us grace to love what you command  
and desire what you promise;  
that, among the swift and varied changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SONG FOR GATHERING . . . . . Bound for Glory**

This world is not my home, I'm here but for a moment  
It's all I've ever known, But this world is not my home

The fight is not my own, These burdens aren't my future  
The empty tomb has shown, I am bound for glory

*Chorus: I am free because I'm bound  
I am bound for heaven's gate  
Where my feet will stand on holy ground  
I am bound for glory.*

The saving work is done, Death is not my ending  
My God has overcome, I am bound for glory (*Chorus*)

Bound for glory

And all my pain, hurt, and shame  
Gone when Jesus calls my name  
Endless joy, endless praise  
All when Jesus calls my name (2X) (*Chorus 2X*)

Bound for glory

Where my feet will stand on holy ground  
I am bound for glory, Bound for glory

**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Revelation 12:10-11**

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,  
“Now the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ have come,  
for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
And they have conquered him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION. . . . .**

**SONG OF PRAISE . . . . .The Lion and the Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Chorus: Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb. The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world. His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty (*Chorus*)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (4X) (*Chorus*)

**SONG OF THE CROSS . . . . . O Praise the Name**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*Chorus: O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King. *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Chorus*

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. (2X)

**MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION. . . . .**

Merciful God,  
enable us to lay down the burden of our sins  
and the regret instigated by them.  
Forgive us for the things we have done that we regret,  
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,  
for the times we have believed the devil's lies,  
for the times we have acted without love,  
for the times we have reacted without thought,  
for the times we have failed to forgive,  
and for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid.  
We come beseeching Your pardoning grace,  
since Jesus bore all of our sins in His body on the tree. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS. . . . .1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became to us wisdom from God,  
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,  
so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**SONG OF ASSURANCE. . . . . Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

**GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES. . . . .**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. . . . . 2 Peter 3:18**

**EPISTLE LESSON. . . . . 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

**THE SERMON . . . . . A Life Well Lived**

*#9 in our series on 2 Timothy: Finish Well*

1. The Courageous Look Downward (4:6)
2. The Peaceful Look Backward (4:7)
3. The Triumphant Look Forward (4:8)

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT . . . . . On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away

Chorus: I am bound, I am bound,  
I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound, I am bound,  
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness and sorrow pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest? (Chorus 2X)

**BENEDICTION. . . . . 2 Thessalonians 3:5**

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God  
and to the steadfastness of Christ. AMEN.