

Theme for this series is “Finish the Course” II Timothy 4:6-8

- I. WHERE ARE YOU GOING? II Timothy 1:5, John 14:5-6
Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. I didn't have to know the way to New York - I just had to know which plane to get on! All planes don't take you to New York - all religions don't take you to heaven. “Doesnt matter which plane you are on!”
- A. Not “I hope” or “I think” I John 5:13 Flight attendant announcement (do you even listen?) “Welcome to our non-stop flight to NY - At least I think that is where we are going and the pilot said he hoped we would get there.”
- B. Have your ticket I John 5:12 If TSA won't let you board without a ticket, what makes you think Holy Spirit will let you in without Jesus?
- C. Real ID Lady standing to the side in front of me. I don't have a real ID Matthew 7:21-23 “I've got a library card, Costco card, Credit Card, and a Dave's Ice Cream punch card!” Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

D. Nothing to do but “enjoy” the ride **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Doesn't mean you can just do what you want!

1. Rather fly 1st class than coach! John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Get there whether you fly 1st class or cheap seats - rather go 1st! Going to cost you something.
2. Will hit some turbulence II Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
 - a) Sometimes God calms the storm Mark 4:37-41 (35) How many have ever hit really bad turbulence?
 - b) Sometimes God calms you John 14:27 (14:1-4) Plane dropped 13,000 feet.
3. Check your baggage Matthew 11:28-30
 - a) Get rid of some things II Timothy 2:3-4
 - b) Sometimes we need help Galatians 6:1-5

II. STAY THE COURSE II Timothy 4:7

A. Follow GPS - God's Personal Spirit Romans 8:9,14
But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his... For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. II Timothy 3:14-17

1. Trust Him Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. I am amazed how we will follow the voice of the GPS on our phone & not obey the voice of God. Jeremiah 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

a) One turn at a time Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. **SIRI** - “How can I get to 1 Park Pl in NY?” **Get on a plane!** No walk, bike, or drive!

b) Start here Genesis 24:7 ...I being in the way the Lord led me. Too many of us are just in the Lord's way! **Maps would like to use your current location.** Can't figure out where you are going until you know where you are at. Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2. Recalculating Acts 16:6-10 Sometimes there are detours and delays in life. **Coming out with a**

new Baptist GPS - Only turn right! II Peter 2:15
Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.

B. Listen Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. **Ever argue with your GPS?**

1. **Direction determines destination and destination determines direction!** Proverbs 4:11-14

2. Going the wrong way Jeremiah 8:5-6 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. **I'm lost but I'm making good time!**

III. ARE WE THERE YET? II Timothy 4:6-8

A. Not how I expected to get here! Romans 1:10

Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

B. Get started Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. Acts 26:19

1. Since we have no control over the “piloting” of our life or the “storms & turbulence” we go through, how should we respond during those times?
2. How can we download and follow God’s direction for our lives on a day to day basis?
3. What unexpected turns or detours has your life taken and how do we respond to them?