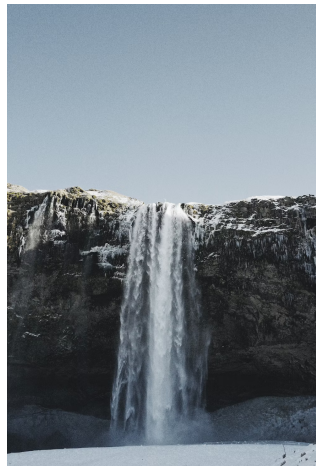




# *a life* POURED OUT



We are called to swim into the deep. A life of long obedience in the same direction. Where you discover that nothing is a waste at the feet of Jesus. So yes, eliminate hurry but never lose urgency. We run our race until we finish well.



May Teaching Series

# Finishing Well

Week 5

# Reflect

Take some time to process together as a group on last week's practice:

- How did you start practicing what we talked about last week?
- How was your experience in your practice?
- Where did you feel God most present and distant this week?

# Overview

What does it mean to finish well?

Jesus' final conversation with Peter in John 21 reveals that spiritual maturity is not measured by success, influence, or accomplishment, but by our willingness to faithfully follow Jesus wherever He leads.

The goal of discipleship is not simply doing more for God, but becoming the kind of person who can be trusted by God.

Like the Pacific salmon that spend themselves for the sake of future generations, followers of Jesus are invited into a life poured out in love. The journey of maturity often moves from active spirituality—where we feel like we are doing things for God—to a deeper, more surrendered spirituality where we learn to be led by God, even into places we would not naturally choose.

Finishing well requires trust in God's sovereignty, clarity of mission, deep friendships, and a lifelong posture of learning.

# Reading

## John 21:18–19 NIV

18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

# Discussion

What stands out to you most from Jesus' conversation with Peter?

What does Jesus seem to be preparing Peter for in this passage?

Have you ever thought intentionally about the kind of person you want to become at the end of your life?

The sermon described two stages of the spiritual journey:

- "When you were younger, you went where you wanted."
- "When you are old, you will be led where you do not want to go."

Which stage resonates most with your current season and why?

Can you think of a difficult season that God used to deepen your character?

What is one practical step you can take this week to become the kind of person who finishes well?

# Practice

## Write Your Future Eulogy

Spend 20 minutes writing what you hope people would say about your life at age 80 or at your funeral.

*Not your accomplishments.*

*Not your possessions.*

### Instead, answer:

- What kind of person do I want to become?
- How do I want people to describe my relationship with Jesus?
- What kind of legacy do I want to leave behind?

### Afterward, ask:

What needs to change today for that future to become reality?

# Closing Prayer

"Jesus, help me follow You faithfully. Form in me the character, trust, and surrender needed to finish well. Teach me to be led wherever You desire, and make my life a gift for others.

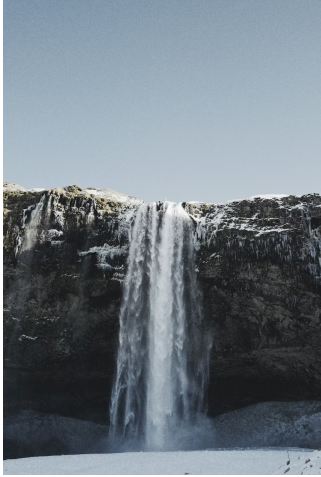
Amen."

# Further Resources

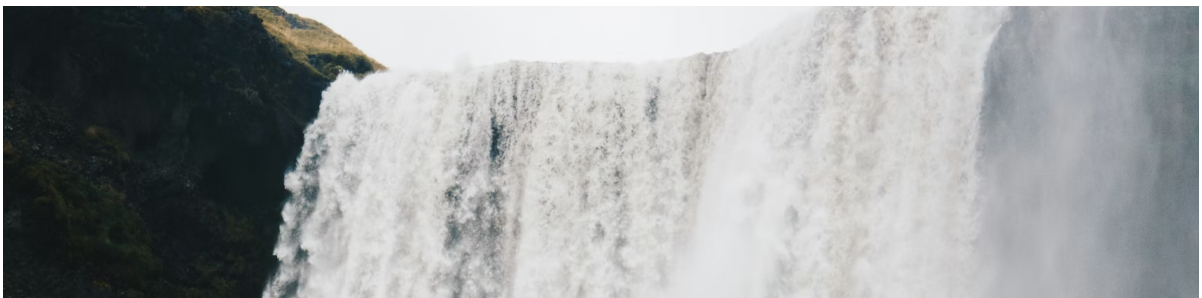
**Watch: A Life Poured Out Teaching Series** – Abbalove Church

**Read: The Deeply Formed Life** – Rich Villodas

**Read: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** – Pete Scazzero



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