

Lesson 13: Finishing Well (Thursday's Lesson)

1. Introduction

- Final lesson of the series: *Finishing Well*.
- Focus on Joshua's death, burial, and legacy.
- Parallels to Paul's words in 2 Timothy and the importance of finishing well in faith.

2. Joshua's Death and Burial (Joshua 24:29-30)

- **Joshua's Age at Death:** Joshua dies at 110 years old, the same age as Joseph.
- **Burial:** Joshua is buried in Timnath Serah, within the borders of his inheritance in Mount Ephraim.
- **Testimony Through Burial:** His burial in the promised land serves as a testament to God's faithfulness and goodness, even in death.

3. Parallel to Paul's Words in 2 Timothy 4:7

- **Paul's Reflection:** Paul says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
- **Joshua's Possible Agreement:** Imagining Joshua echoing these words to Israel, addressing the people under his care.
- **The Promise of a Crown:** A crown of righteousness awaits those who finish their course well and love God's appearing.

4. The Importance of Finishing Well

- Many begin their journey strong but fail to finish well.
- Joshua is an example of someone who not only began well but finished well, trusting in the Lord.
- Emphasis on living well, even in the face of challenges, and finishing strong in faith.

5. The Hope Beyond Death

- While death is a sad event, it's also a testament to faith and trust in God.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**: The promise that the dead in Christ will rise first at the Second Coming.
- Joshua's story is not over; he will rise again in the resurrection.

6. **Joseph's Bones and Legacy (Joshua 24:32)**

- The children of Israel buried Joseph's bones in Shechem, fulfilling his wish from **Genesis 50:24**.
- Joseph's bones, like Joshua's legacy, testify to God's faithfulness.
- God's goodness in preserving promises through generations.

7. **Conclusion**

- We are called to live well in the name of the Lord, face challenges with faith, and die well, knowing that if we fall asleep in Jesus, we will rise again in Him.
- Emphasis on the eternal hope of resurrection and God's enduring promises.