

## MESSAGE NOTES

SERIES: EASTER IF'S – WEEK 4

MESSAGE: “STAYING THE COURSE”

03.30.25

HEBREWS 3:14

*“<sup>12</sup>Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>You must warn each other every day, while it is still ‘today,’ so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. <sup>14</sup>For IF we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, [then] we will share in all that belongs to Christ.”* HEBREWS 3:12-14

### WHAT PREVENTS US FROM BEING “FAITHFUL TO THE END?”

- Letting our faith \_\_\_\_\_
- Doing \_\_\_\_\_ stuff
- Getting \_\_\_\_\_ from the truths of the Gospel
- Making mis-guided \_\_\_\_\_
- Becoming \_\_\_\_\_ with God and/or others
- \_\_\_\_\_ from God’s family

### WHAT KEEPS US “FAITHFUL TO THE END?”

- Keeping our \_\_\_\_\_ in check  
JOSHUA 1:9 – *“This is my command be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*
- Fixing our \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus  
JOHN 15:5 - “[JESUS] Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”  
PROVERBS 3:6 – *“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”*

- Protecting the \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts  
PROVERBS 4:23 – *“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”*

MARK 7:20-22 – *“‘t is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.”*

- Keeping our \_\_\_\_\_ fed by worship and the Word = develop spiritual habits and practices

MATTHEW 7:13-14 (THE MSG) – *“Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.”*

- Pursuing Christ-centered \_\_\_\_\_  
1 TIMOTHY 4:16 – *“Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.”*
- Developing good spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
PSALM 34:8 – *“Taste and see that the Lord is good!”*  
MATTHEW 4:4 – *“People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”*

### BEING “FAITHFUL TO THE END...”

It’s not the beginning of the race that counts ...

- It’s how we grow in \_\_\_\_\_
- Mature in \_\_\_\_\_
- And \_\_\_\_\_ God all through our lives