

Defining Moments "The Moment of Direction"

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Sermon Series Summary

There are decisions that we make in our lives that are defining moments. These defining moments change the course of our lives either for the better or in some cases for the worse. Your decision in these moments make a lifelong impact. Join us as we learn how to make our defining moments count for eternity.

Main Text

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (ESV) – ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Big Idea – A Clear Purpose Determines Direction and Maximizes Your Opportunities to Reach Others with Transforming Truth

The A.B.C.'s of Determined Direction

A = Always Be Ready to Proclaim God's Truth

2 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV) – ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

B = Breakaway from the Pattern of this World and Ferently Live Out Your Faith

2 Timothy 4:3-5 (ESV) – ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

C = Champion the Cause of Christ and Finish Faithfully

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV) – ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV) – Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Challenge

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your family or small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.