

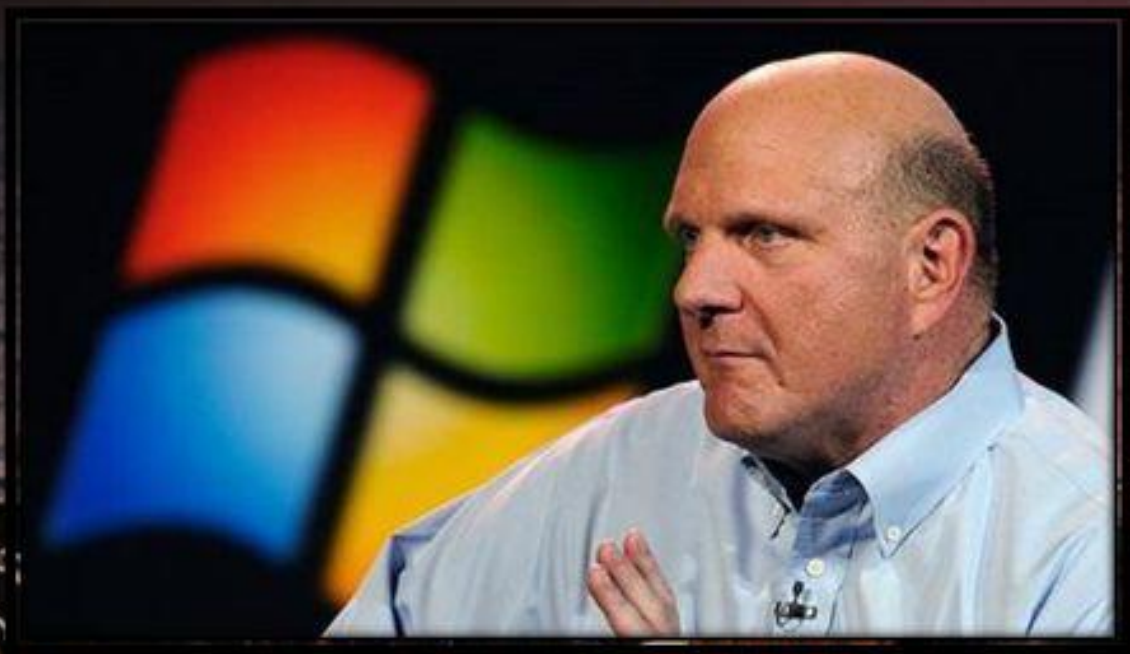
A person in a dark jacket and shorts stands on a rocky shore, looking out at the ocean during a vibrant sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The person's silhouette is visible against the bright sky.

Give Your Heart to God

Luke 21. 5-19

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13



**“There’s no chance
that the iPhone is
going to get any
significant market
share.”**

**- Steve Ballmer
Microsoft CEO, 2007**

What will tomorrow bring?

"Que será, será
Whatever will be, will be
The future's not ours to see
Que será, será
What will be, will be"



The Olivet discourse

- Matt 24~25; Mark 13
- When will the temple be destroyed?
- What will the sign of His coming?
- What would be the sign of the age?



Tomorrow is in God's Hands

A person in a dark jacket and shorts stands on dark, wet rocks at the edge of a sea. The sun is setting on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and a long, shimmering reflection on the water. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and rays of light break through near the horizon. To the left, a steep, mossy cliff rises from the shore. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

What will tomorrow bring?

The most famous donor

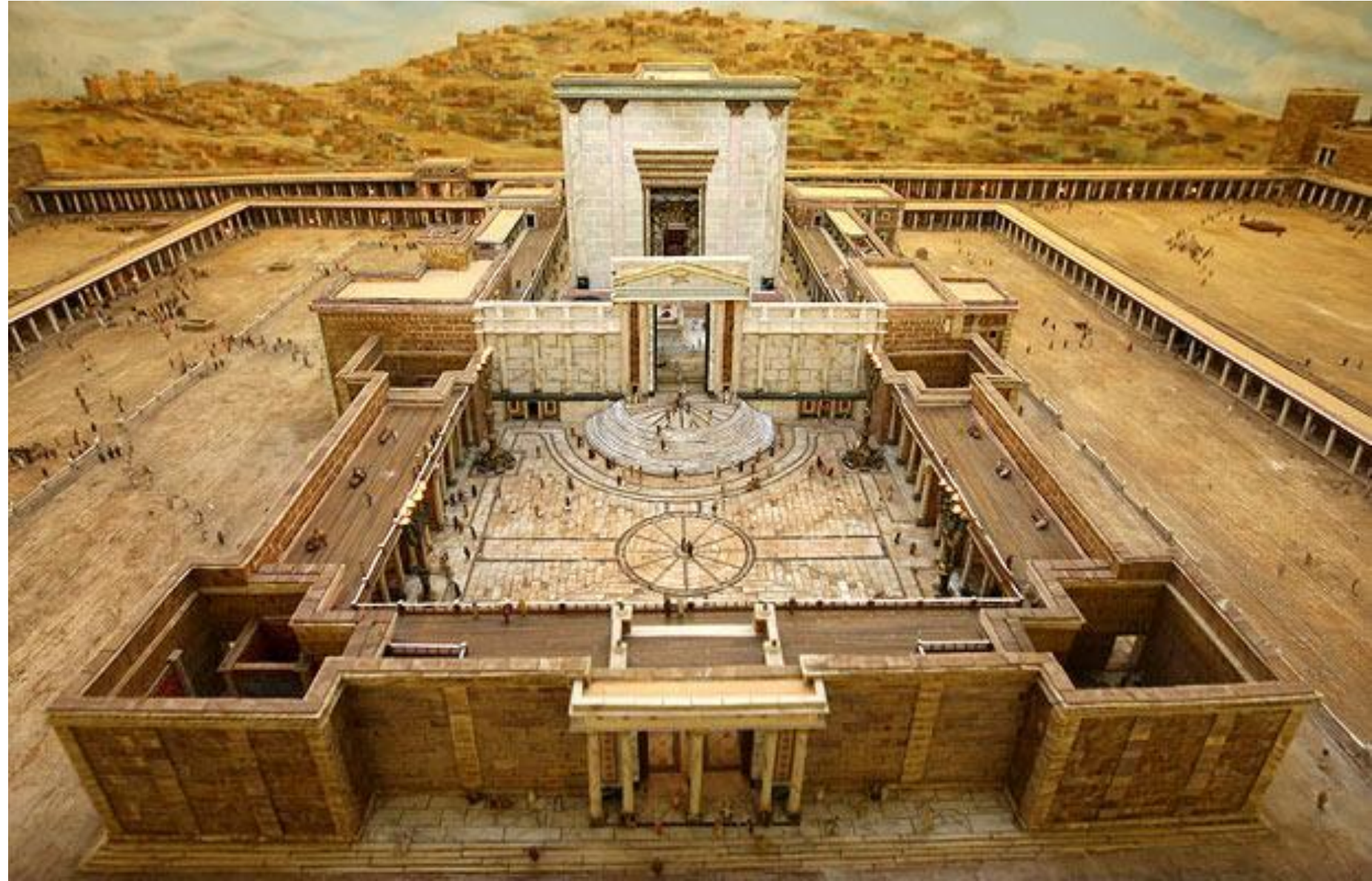
- Luke 21:1-4
- Not portion but proportion
- Not worried about tomorrow
- Giving from the heart



VAST!
1,000,000 sq feet



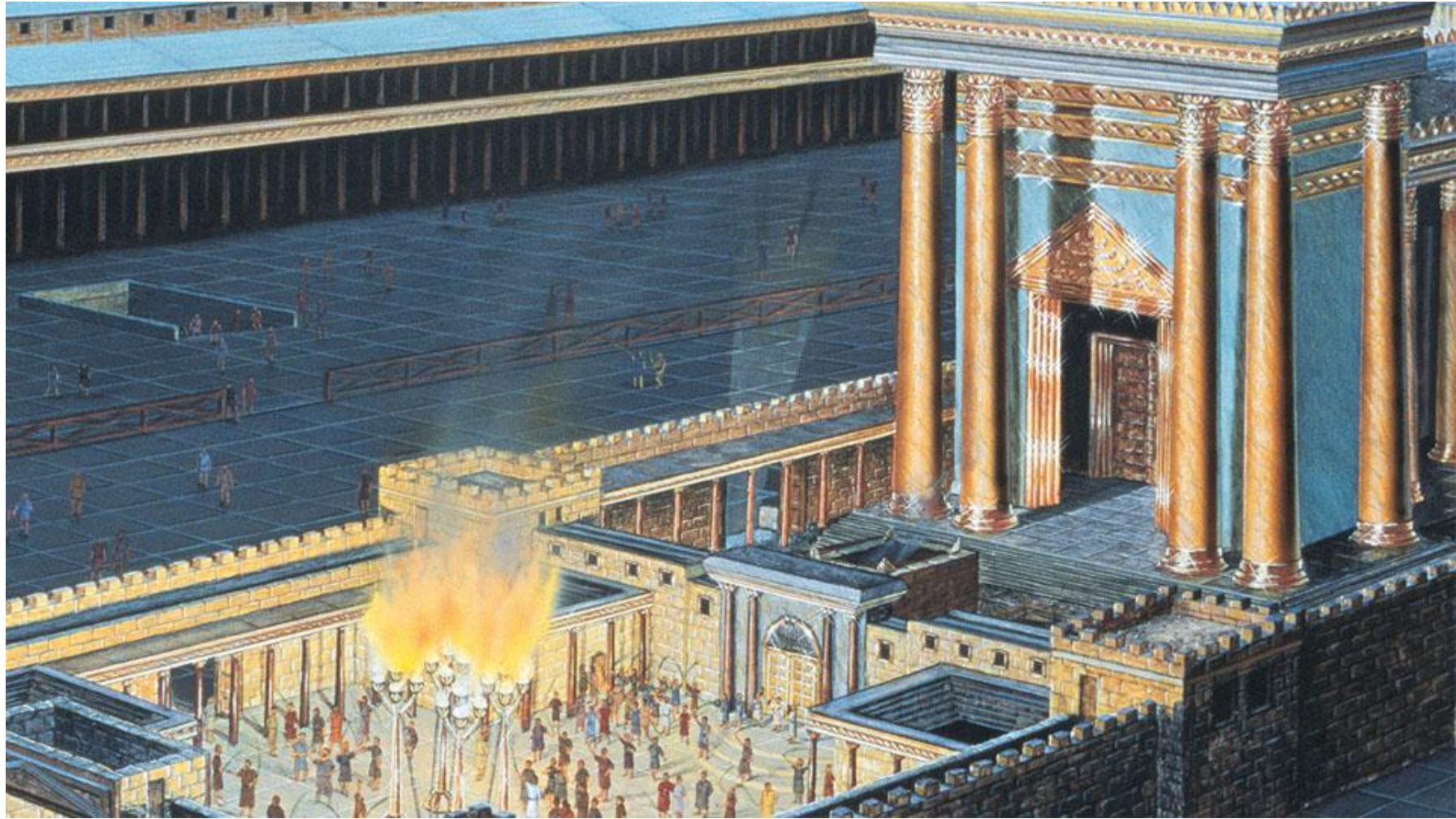
**Temple interior:
Pure white marble stones 67 ft long, 7 ft high, 9 ft wide**



Josephus,
The Jewish War
(Bellum Judaicum)
Book 5, Chapter 5,
Section 6.

Building adorned with jewels, gold, precious stones.

“But this temple appeared to strangers, when they were at a distance, like a mountain covered with snow; for, as to those parts of it which were not gilt, they were exceeding white.”



AWE !

Now the outward face of the temple in its front wanted nothing that was likely to surprise either men's minds or their eyes: for it was covered all over with plates of gold of great weight,





**and, at the first
rising of the sun,
reflected back a
very fiery splendour,
and made those
who forced
themselves to look
upon it to turn their
eyes away, just as
they would have
done at the sun's
own rays.**

Prophecy

Luke 21: 5-6

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, “As for these things that you see, **the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.**”

- How radical!
- Temple of the Lord! Completely indestructible.

How radical !



Our Assurance – God is in control

When the drama of history is over, Jesus Christ will stand alone on the stage. All the great figures of history ... will realize they have been but actors in a drama produced by another.

- Helmut Thielicke



Sovereignty of God

1. God sustains all creation in its being ... apart from Him it would be dissolved.
2. God daily bestows life and ability to all things as it pleases Him Apart from Him nothing could have life and existence.
- 3. God guides all things to their appointed end.**



John Calvin

Respond with Wisdom & Faith

A person in a dark jacket and shorts stands on dark, wet rocks at a rocky coastline during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and a long, shimmering reflection on the calm water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Understanding the times we are in

Understanding the time we live in

Luke 21: 8

And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them.

➤ Religious Delusions

➤ “Be not led astray”: not deceived



Difficult times will precede the end

Events	Matthew	Revelation
False Christ	24:4-5	6:1-2
Wars	24:6	6:3-4
Famines	24:7a	6:5-6
Death	24:7b-8	6:7-8
Martyrs	24:9	6:9-11
Worldwide Chaos	24:10-13	6:12-17

Religious Persecution

Luke 21: 12-13

¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and **persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons,** and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ **This will be your opportunity to bear witness.**



Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng was photographed begging armed police officers not to shoot 'the children'

God's people should respond with wisdom and faith

Luke 21: 14-16

¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds **not to meditate beforehand** how to answer,

¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and **wisdom**, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and **some of you they will put to death.**

Don't be terrified !

Luke 21:9

And when you hear of wars and tumults, **do not be terrified**, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.



Are We Complacent?

It is easy for Christians to have the false impression that once we have established **a relationship with Christ, which we believe sets us right with God**, the problems of life will somehow scoot away or they will be slowly removed from our lives.

- Charles Swindoll



John 3: 3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.



Most reliable doomsday fortress

Psalm 98:7-9

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Run Well Finish Well

How then should we live?

Times of suffering provide opportunities for witness

Luke 21: 17-19

¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake.

¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.



Continue with productive life

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12



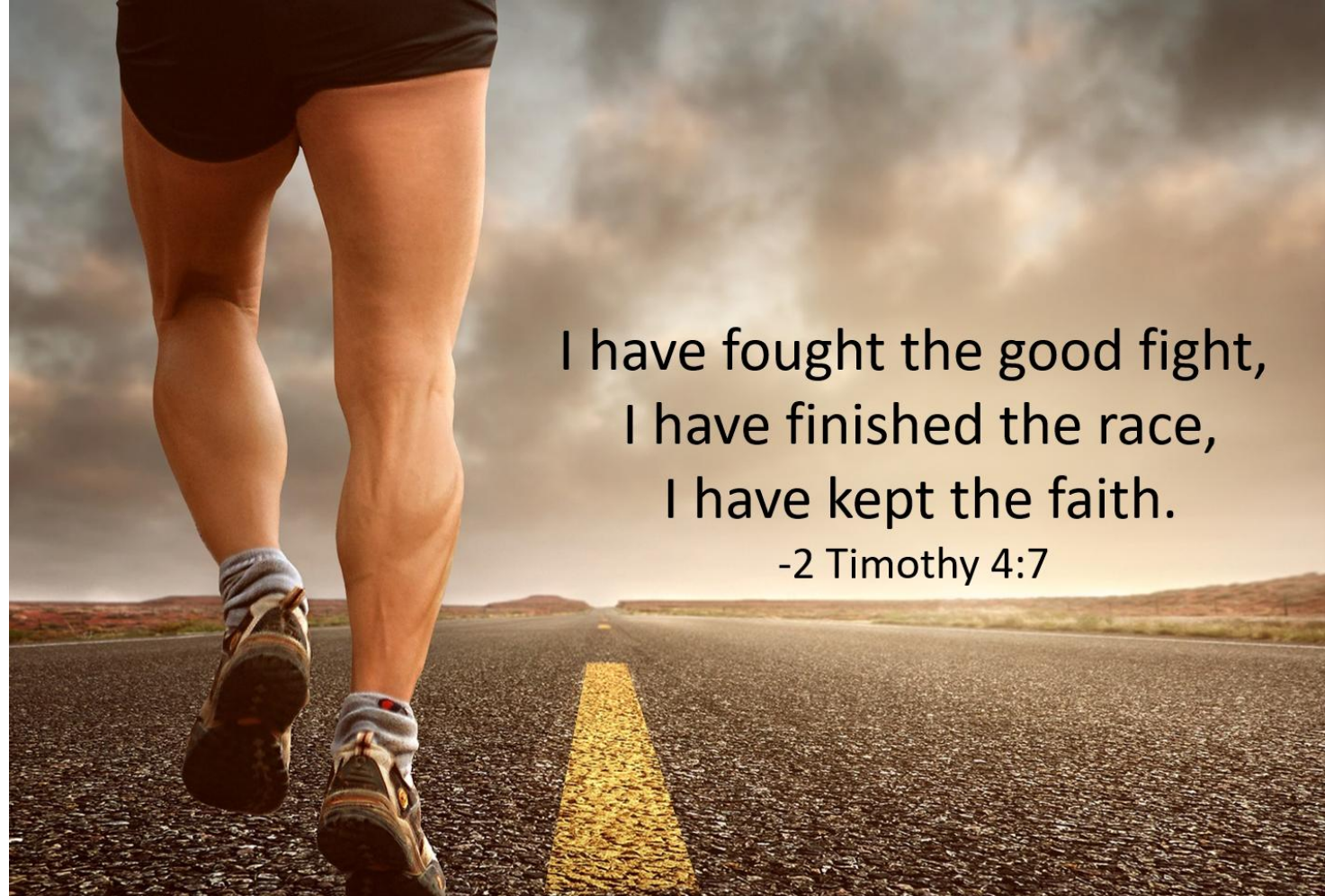
¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to **do their work quietly and to earn their own living.**

Run well finish well

- The uncertainty of the last 10km
- feel like the last 10km of a marathon are the worst?



Speak of God without embarrassment

The Gospel must be repeatedly forwarded to a new address because the recipient is repeatedly changing places of residence.

Helmut Thielicke

Give your heart to God

Jesus' commendation
(v3):

“Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.

- Lesson from the fig tree



I'm not a Christian because it "works" for me. I had a life prior to Christianity that seemed to be working just fine. And my life as a Christian hasn't always been easy.

I'm a Christian because it is true. I'm a Christian because I want to live in way that reflects the truth. I'm a Christian because my high regard for the truth leaves me no alternative.



Immanuel Hall, SACH Bedok

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is in God's
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**Do not be
fearful**

**Run well,
finish well**

Giving Your Heart to God

God wants your heart, He
knows to have your heart is to
have you.