

## FINISH LINE

- **QUOTE:** *God's advance notification system lasts for so long because God is so gracious and so patient.*
- 3 questions from Matt 24 – When will these things be? What will be the signs of your coming? What will be the signs of the end of the age?
- **Matthew 24:37 – 39 (NLT)** *When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day.<sup>38</sup> In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings (right up to the time Noah entered his boat. <sup>39</sup> People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.*
- **TRANSLATION:** Some people will be caught off guard because they will miss all the signs.
- **II Timothy 3:1 (NKJV)** – *But know this that in the last days perilous times will come:*
- We are in the ESCHATOS times (end of the end) and they are CHALEPOS (hard to bear).

## Week #2 – Out of the Valley of Selfishness

**II Timothy 3:1 – 5 (NKJV)** *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power...*

### **Lovers of themselves (SELFISH)**

- This passage however points out an overriding SELFISH spirit in the end of days.
- We live in a society today that is consumed with self-interest, self-promotion, self-help, and self-love more than any other time in history. It's true inside and outside the church.
- Lucifer is the originator of the selfish mindset
- **QUOTE:** *The erosion of any good relationship begins with a selfish focus.*

**QUOTE:** *It's impossible to get consumed with SELF FOCUS when we're living our lives to be GOD PLEASING.*

- **John 4:34 (NLT)** – *Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.*
- **John 5:30 (NLT)** – *I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.*
- **John 6:38 (NLT)** – *For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.*
- Jesus was not consumed with self-interest.
- **John 13:12 – 15 (NLT)** *After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? <sup>13</sup> You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.<sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.*
- **John 13:17 (GNT)** – *Now that you KNOW this truth, how HAPPY YOU WILL be if you put it into practice!*
- **QUOTE:** *The greatest pathway to JOY and PEACE is getting our minds on serving someone else instead of looking to be served.*

- True happiness comes from serving others...not being served!!
- Marriage is a covenant commitment to SERVE ONE ANOTHER for life.
- **Job 42:10 (NKJV)** – *And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed, the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.*
- God will turn our captivity when we stop being self-focused and become servant of all.