

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Lord has declared that 2025 is our Year of Unfinished Business. Another way of saying that would be, “It’s our Anti-Procrastination Year.”
- It’s our year to pick up those goals, dreams, assignments, business plans, college credits, song lyrics, book manuscripts, vision boards, and every other thing God brings to our remembrance so He can give us the battle plan for completion.
- **QUOTE:** *It’s our year to do an autopsy on WHY we quit, so God can do a resurrection on the very dreams we thought we dead.*
- **Philippians 1:6 (NLT)** – *And I am certain that GOD, who began the good work within you, will continue HIS WORK until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Thoughts On Finishing

Recognize God’s Commitment to Your Completion

- The difference between THIS TIME and the LAST TIME is that God is leading the way.
- **Philippians 1:6** – *And I am certain that GOD, WHO BEGAN THE GOOD WORK within you, will continue His work...*
 - **He Began It:**
 - **He Continues It:** **Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)** – *I will never leave you nor forsake you.*
 - **He Will Finish It**
 - **Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NLT)** – *Finishing is better than starting...*
 - **QUOTE (Winston Churchill):** *It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we must do what is required.*

Learn from Peter: “Go Out Where It Is Deeper”

Luke 5:4, 5 (NLT) *When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if You say so, I’ll let the nets down again.’⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.*

TAKEAWAYS:

- *Peter is qualified for the miraculous because he made himself available to Jesus, even when it was inconvenient.*
- *Jesus sends Peter back out to do the same thing in a slightly different way*
- The will of God requires WHAT, WHEN, and HOW (like GPS coordinates)
- *Peter obeyed Jesus’s command to go back and try again despite it violating his intellect.*
- *Peter got a different result because he was walking in a different grace.*

Why Finishing Matters

Time Is Short

- **Ephesians 5:15 – 16 (NLT)** *So be careful how you live... MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY in these evil days.*
- We are living in the last days and God's plan is dependent on every one of us being in the game.

Unrealized Impact on Others

- **Romans 8:19 (NLT)** – *For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.*
- **QUOTE (Francis Chan):** *Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.*

Keys to Finishing Our Unfinished Business

1. **Identify and Acknowledge Your Assignment**
2. **Embrace God's Grace and Release Guilt**
3. **Seek Wise Counsel and Accountability**
Proverbs 15:22 (NIV) – *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.*
4. **Revisit the Place of Failure with New Expectation**
5. **Commit to Consistent Action**
QUOTE (Will Durant): *We become what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.*

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You as Your sons and daughters, acknowledging that You are the initiator, the sustainer, and the finisher of every good work in our lives. Today, we lay down our fears, doubts, and every form of procrastination at Your feet. Forgive us for the times we've allowed discouragement, lack of resources, or negative voices to cause us to abandon the tasks You entrusted to us. Breathe fresh life into every dream we once held dear but considered dead.

Lord, just as You spoke to Peter and told him to let down his net again, speak to us now. Give us the courage to return to those places where we once failed, but this time in obedience to Your Word and empowered by Your Spirit. We confess our need for Your wisdom, strength, and direction. We thank You that You are able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that You would send us wise counsel and faithful companions who will encourage, challenge, and hold us accountable. May Your Holy Spirit continually remind us of the visions, assignments, and callings You placed in our hearts. Quicken us when we are tempted to delay or give up and help us stand firm in the assurance that You who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it.

In this Year of Anti-Procrastination, we ask for a renewed commitment to finishing well. Let us no longer dwell in the realm of "almost" or "not yet." Instead, let us rise up with confidence, trusting that You are on board our "boat," guiding each step we take. Replace our anxieties with faith, our excuses with readiness, and our hesitations with boldness.

Father, we give You permission to remove every hindrance that keeps us from stepping into our destiny. We invite Your resurrection power to come upon every dormant dream, every shelved project, every abandoned calling. Give us fresh eyes to see the path forward and renewed passion to persevere.

May our testimonies of completion and victory draw others to You, reminding them that You are a God who finishes what You start. Let our lives reflect Your glory, and let our accomplishments point people back to Jesus. We commit ourselves wholly to the work You've placed before us.

We praise and honor You for the grace that ushers us from a place of stagnation to a place of divine fulfillment. In the name of Jesus—the One who conquered death, hell, and the grave—we pray. Amen and Amen.