

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV)

Poured Out?

Now that's a thought. There a lot of good questions I need to ask myself. **Like what?** Am I being poured out? Am I gladly and joyfully pouring myself into living the life you have given me to live? Am I giving you my all? Am I listening to your voice? Am I hearing your instructions? Am I receiving your guidance? Am I going where you guide me? Am I doing all that you ask of me? Am I following and obeying you? Am I fighting a good fight? Am I running a good race? Will I keep the faith and finish the race you have laid out before me? **You're right. You have a lot of questions you want to ask yourself.**

Do you have any answers to your questions? I have thoughts. I'm not positive that I would call them answers. **Tell me your thoughts.** I'm glad that these questions are in my heart and on my mind. **Why is that?** These questions have certainly not originated in me. You have put these questions in my heart and on my mind. I'm glad that these are not just hypothetical questions in my heart and mind. **What are they?** They are far more than hypothetical questions. They are burning desires. They are hopes and dreams. Again, these burning desires and hopes and dreams have certainly not originated in me. You have put these burning desires and hopes and dreams in my heart and on my mind. I'm glad that these are not just hypothetical questions, burning desires or hopes or dreams. **What are they?** They are far more than hypothetical questions, burning desires or hopes or dreams. They are prayers. They are prayers that have not originated with me. You have put these prayers in my heart and on my mind. **Yes, I have put these questions, burning desires, hopes and dreams and prayers in your heart and on your mind.**

Why is it important for you to know that I have placed these questions, burning desires, hopes and dreams and prayers in your heart and on your mind? You want all of these things for me. This is your will and purpose and plan for me. You will hear and answer these questions, burning desires, hopes and dreams and prayers for me. You will help me to pour myself out in your service. You will help me to fight a good fight. You will help me to keep the faith, run well, and finish the race that you have laid out before me. **Yes, I will.** I know that without a doubt. **That is very good.**

Heavenly Father, it is the desire of my heart, the thought of my mind and the goal of my life to pour myself out as a sweet offering to you.

I want to joyfully live the life you have given me to live. I want to run well and finish the race you have laid out before me. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Being Poured Out*

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.

NIV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Being Poured Out*

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth 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.

ESV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Been Poured Out*

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

NLT 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Being Poured Out*

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

NKJV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Being Poured Out*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

NRSV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *About To Die*

You take over. I'm about to die, my life an offering on God's altar. This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.

MSG 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *About To Be Sacrificed*

For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand *and* I will soon go free. I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith. [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me *and* recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved *and* yearned for *and* welcomed His appearing (His return).

AMP 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Won't Be Around*

I say this because I won't be around to help you very much longer. My time has almost run out. Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. I have fought long and hard for my Lord, and through it all I have kept true to him. And now the time has come for me to stop fighting and rest. In heaven a crown is waiting for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And not just to me but to all those whose lives show that they are eagerly looking forward to his coming back again.

TLB 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Being Poured Out*

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future 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.

NASB 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Becoming Like Christ *Being Given As An Offering*

My life is being given as an offering to God, and the time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now, a crown is being held for me—a crown for being right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give the crown to me on that day—not only to me but to all those who have waited with love for him to come again.

NCV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Being Poured Out

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Becoming Like Christ – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

In Context: *Read 2 Timothy 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you gladly living your life as a sweet offering to God?

What sacrifices have you willingly and joyfully made to God as you have loved, followed and served Him?

When have you been called on to make significant sacrifices that were costly and not easy to make?

How are you pouring yourself completely into doing the work God has given you to do for Him?

How are you making sure that nothing is distracting you from running the race laid out before you?

What effort is it taking for you to run well the race that has been laid out before you?

What do you have to look forward to when you finish the race that has been laid out before you?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Pour yourself out to God as a sweet offering to Him as run well the race that He has laid out before you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to run well and finish the race that has been laid out before you.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are running the race that God has laid out before you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live your life as an offering to God.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will live my life as an offering to you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how can I live my life as an offering to you today?
