



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Finishing Well

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## FINISHING WELL

When we speak of “finishing well”, it is natural to think of the finishing line as the ultimate destination. But what does “finishing well” look like?

The world views finishing well in terms of its possible physical accomplishments – being happy, healthy and/or wealthy. However, the **true definition** of finishing well is where God approves of our life journey as we serve Him wholeheartedly. To finish well, we *must* choose well – to choose life, where we love God, obey God and hold fast to God.

DSP Chua Seng Lee further expounded on what he meant as he anchored the sermon in Joshua’s last words to the Israelites (Jos 24:15):

*“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

## HOW DO WE FINISH WELL?

### 1) OUR CHOICES MUST BE COMPLETE

Joshua spoke of the 3 key factors to making a complete and whole choice to serve the Lord. To:

- i. Fear the Lord
- ii. Serve Him in sincerity and truth
- iii. Put away the gods in our hearts.

A fear of the Lord means to always honour him by not doing anything that breaks His heart, for fear is the beginning of wisdom (Prov 9:10). We need to do so with sincere hearts that do not harbour any other idols whom we place our confidence in. DSP further cautioned against how it is still possible to fear Him and serve Him in sincerity yet keep other idols in our hearts.

## 2) OUR CHOICES MUST BE CONSISTENT

Our God is a holy and jealous God (Jos 24:19). The greatest sin is to break the greatest commandment: loving the Lord with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds (Matt 26:37). However, DSP reminded us of our human propensity to be inconsistent in our walk with God. While King Hezekiah was a good king when young, his confidence came from his empire's treasures and human relationships, not of his confidence in the Lord in his last days.

## 3) OUR CHOICES MUST BE CARRIED OUT

The difference between intention and decision lies in how the former does not hold weight by itself. Intention only matters when it becomes a decision – when the intention has been carried out and acted upon. This year, BBTC's corporate goals are:

1. Pray for our family and cell group members
2. Share the gospel & lead someone to the Lord
3. Bring someone to BBTC.

Will you be intentional in carrying out these goals?

## CONCLUSION

In finishing well, we need to **choose completely, choose consistently, and choose to carry out our service** to our Lord. Our God is a holy and jealous One; the God who will never accept any incomplete forms of worship where it lacks the wholeheartedness of His children. Practically, in living out our desire to finish well, DSP encouraged us to constantly make reminder of this in *shechem*, our place of encounter and reminder of the Lord's goodness.

# QUESTIONS

**1. Share about someone whom you feel has finished well, in accordance to the definition above.**

**2. Of the 3 aspects of choices, which do you personally find the most challenging and why?**

**3. BBTC's corporate goals are:**

- Pray for our family and cell group members
- Share the gospel & lead someone to the Lord
- Bring someone to BBTC

**How have you been able to work towards these goals and what support or help would you need to do these?**