

Leaving a Legacy 留下一個傳承 (10/23/2011)

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith
那美好的仗我已經打過了·當跑的路我已經跑盡了·所信的道我已經守住了”*
(2 Tim 提摩太後書 4:7)

What is the nature of faith that Paul had kept? 保羅所守住之道本質是什麼?

- Saving faith? 得救的信心?
- Christian doctrines? 基督教的信仰教義?
- Daily reliance and rest in the Lord? 每天在主裏面的依靠和安息?

What do these pictures of the race and the fight illustrate?

當跑之路和美好之仗的畫像代表什麼表徵?

- Three Specific Implications 三個具體的含義
1. Keeping the faith is not always easy 守住所信之道並不是一件容易的事
 - A. Paul 保羅 (2 Cor. 哥林多後書 2:12-13; 7:5-7)
 - B. John the Baptist 施洗約翰 (Matt. 馬太福音 11:1-6)
 - The way to deal with our struggles and doubts is to express them
處理我們掙扎和疑惑的方法是把這些表達出來
 - As you do this, have an open ear to hear God's answer
當你這麼做時要敞開耳朵去聆聽神的回答
 - Always show compassion to those in need of reassurance
對那些需要確信的人要常常存憐憫之心
 - Understand that true blessedness comes with abiding trust in the Lord's
leading 要明白真正的福來自信靠主的引導
 2. Keeping the faith requires self-discipline 守住所信之道需要自我的操練 (1 Cor. 哥林多前書 9:25-27; Eph. 以弗所書 4:22-24; Rom. 羅馬書 12:1-2; 1 Tim. 提摩太前書 4:7; 2 Tim 提摩太後書 4:11, 13)
 3. Keeping the faith encourages others to trust Christ 守住所信之道會鼓舞別人去信靠基督 (Heb. 希伯來書 11; 12:1; 2 Tim. 提摩太後書 1:5)

A legacy is living out a life that is multiplied
through attitudes and actions of generations to come
傳承是活出一個藉著態度和行動的生命可以影響、繁衍到許多未來的後代