



**Introduction:** Spring can be the absolute worst time of the year – the push for finals, finishing assignments, procrastinating on projects, incessant games and practices all help to clutter our schedules and eat up our time. Add to that a work schedule and one can easily lack the \_\_\_\_\_ to keep up with the things of God. As all are about to finish this school year, and many are about to close a significant chapter of life, now is not the time to coast. There's simply too much at stake (*class/teammates to witness to one last time, camp guests, VBS, etc.*). Now is the time to take a stand and press forward.

## 1. Evaluating your own chapter of life

- ✓ We have been saved to \_\_\_\_\_ – *Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:3-8; Heb. 12:28-29; Mt. 5:16*
- ✓ We are to serve with all our heart, soul, mind, & strength – *Lk. 10:27; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23-24*
  - This service is often compared to a race... – *1 Cor. 9:19-27; Heb. 12:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:5*
  - ...or a \_\_\_\_\_ – *2 Tim. 2:3-4; 1 Tim. 6:12; Jude 3*
- ✓ Sometimes we get off track and forget the battle – *Job 41:8; Gal. 5:7; Mt. 13:21*
- ✓ Doing the bare minimum just to get by, or settling for “okay” is unacceptable; we are called to finish well – *Mt. 25:21; 2 Chr. 31:20-21; 2 Tim. 4:7*

If you were to evaluate your walk with the Lord from just the past six months, how well are you doing? Why?

---

---

## 2. Wanderer or Warrior?

- ✓ Nowhere is the battle between “those who are coasting” vs. “those who are combating” more prevalent than in the book of \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ **The Theme:** Wandering in \_\_\_\_\_
  - Because of unbelief, the Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years! At the beginning and end, there is a census to number the men of \_\_\_\_\_ as they traveled toward the Promised Land. It is very important to notice the census totals both before and after (*1:46; 26:51*). There is no growth while wandering in unbelief!
- ✓ Throughout the book, there are those who refused to be wanderers. They chose rather to fight by faith, and not be swayed by the things their eyes beheld – *2 Cor. 5:7; 4:18; Gal. 2:20; Heb. 11:1, 6*

**Look back at your self-evaluation:** what are you prepared to do to finish your course well and fight a good fight?