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CHRIST BUILDS
HIS CHURCH

Finishing the Fight Faithfully | Acts 7:54-8:3

MAIN POINT

The grace of Jesus
carries us faithfully
over the finish line

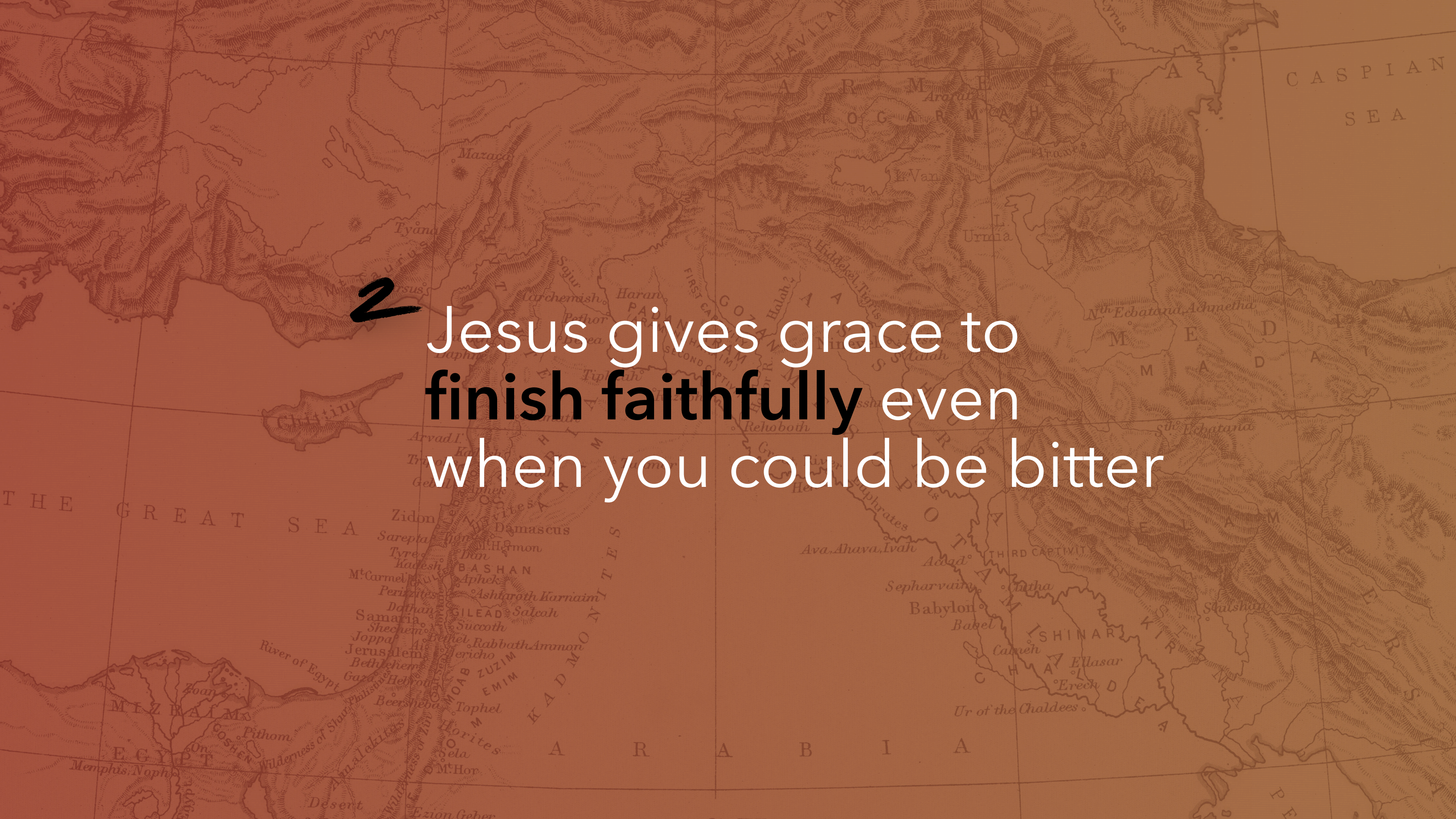




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Discussion Questions:

1. What emotions rise in you when you think about your final moments of life?
2. Where do you tend to rely on your own strength instead of the Spirit's power when facing opposition, criticism, or fear?
3. How would your daily obedience change if you lived with a deeper awareness of Jesus' nearness and advocacy?
4. When have you been tempted to become bitter toward people who have hurt you? How does Stephen's prayer, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," expose your own heart?
5. What does Stephen's death teach us about the difference between finishing life and finishing life faithfully?
6. How have you seen God bring good out of tragedy in your own story or in the lives of others?
7. Saul was approving Stephen's execution while God was preparing to save him. How does this shape the way you pray for people who seem far from God or even hostile to the gospel?

Scripture to Consider:

1. Jesus gives grace to stand firm even when the world is against you.
 - Luke 12:11–12 — The Spirit will give you the words.
 - Psalm 27:1–3 — "Whom shall I fear?"
 - Acts 6:8 — Stephen full of grace and power.
 - Ephesians 6:10–13 — Stand firm in the strength of the Lord.
 - 2 Timothy 4:16–17 — "The Lord stood by me and strengthened me."
2. Jesus gives grace to finish faithfully, even when you could be bitter.
 - Luke 23:34 — "Father, forgive them..."
 - 1 Peter 2:21–23 — Jesus entrusted Himself to the Father while suffering.
 - Hebrews 12:1–3 — Consider Him who endured hostility.
 - Romans 12:17–21 — Overcome evil with good.
 - Colossians 3:12–14 — Put on compassion, patience, forgiveness.
3. Jesus gives grace to bring good from tragedy.
 - Genesis 50:20 — "You meant evil...but God meant it for good."
 - Romans 8:28–30 — God works all things for good for His people.
 - Acts 8:1–4 — Persecution scatters the church and spreads the gospel.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:7–12 — Life comes through death.
 - John 12:24 — A grain of wheat dies and bears much fruit.