



## Finishing Well

### PREFACE:

*This is the first in a 4-week series on family. In the coming weeks we will be looking at four different roles within a family. Week 1 begins by looking at the role of aging adults and, how to finish well. For those in other roles, how are we to love and interact with the aging adults in our families?*

### OPENING

- What is the most difficult task you've ever had to finish. Would you say you finished well?

### READ 2 JOHN

- Tradition tells us that John is the only apostle who died of natural causes. His letters, which were written towards the end of his life, give us a glimpse at what he valued and how he wanted to "finish well."
- What does this short letter illustrate about John's character?
- Why might he have written such a short letter? (Note verse 12 shows he planned on seeing his readers in-person soon.)

### READ 1 JOHN 4:16-21

- What does John mean when he says, "Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear?" What fear is he talking about?

### MAKING IT REAL

- Who has loved you well? How have you replicated this kind of love in your actions towards others? Towards your family?
- (For aging adults) How do you desire your family to love you?
- (For those in other roles) How can you love the aging adults in your family well?
- The ultimate finish line is the end of our life on earth. Yet, there are many other short races and seasons in our lives. What shorter race might you be running right now? How can you finish that race or season well?

*"Loving Jesus, knowing Him and walking with Him. Loving others, knowing them and walking with them. This is finishing well."*

*-Tim Ayers*

### PRAY

- 1) Dwell on God's love for you. How has He loved you?
- 2) Ask for His heart and love to fill you.
- 3) Pray for those in your life God is leading you to love well.