

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**How You Finish is How You Start**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**December 29, 2024**

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**2. We look back to reflect and learn, but we don't seek to live in the past.** Luk 17:32 KJV - Remember Lot's wife. Gen 19:26 AMP - But Lot's wife, from behind him, [foolishly, longingly] looked [back toward Sodom in an act of disobedience], and she became a pillar of salt.

**3. Jesus is in our past and present and He will be in our future.** Rev 1:8 KJV - I am **Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**4. Wash the past off your face. Don't let the past ruin your future.** 2Sa 12:20 KJV - Then David arose from the earth, and **washed**, and anointed [himself], and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and **worshipped**: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

**5. Wash yourself with Worship and the Word.** Eph 5:26 KJV - That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

**6. Finish with a fight, finish in Victory!** Rev 12:11 KJV - And **they overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their **testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 19:10c KJV - ...worship God: for the **testimony** of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Questions to ask at year's end:**

1. What happened **to you** this year?
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