

# Living Above the Fray

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# It's about more than you

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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

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## 2 Timothy 4

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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## Matthew 10:32-33

<sup>32</sup> “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

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## Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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# Numbers 23:19

<sup>19</sup> God is not a man, that he should lie,  
nor a son of man, that he should  
change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

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- There is a positive message here.
- There is a message of warning.
- These are not insignificant issues.



## To Go . . .

- How would Paul respond to the "post-truth" claims that are prevalent in our time?
- How can the faithfulness of God be both a comfort and a challenge?