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Chris Simmons, senior pastor of <u>Cornerstone Baptist Church</u> in Dallas, appealed to Paul's encouragement to his younger protegé Timothy. Though this world has trouble, trouble will not last forever.

Paul wanted to prepare Timothy to receive the mantel of ministry from him, Simmons explained. Paul told Timothy to preach God's word. It's "going to be rough," so "keep your head," Simmons paraphrased.

Paul told Timothy he'd given God his best, was poured out and was getting ready to depart this life. Paul expressed his confidence to Timothy that he did what God called him to do, and faithfully so—he fought well and finished well—and would be rewarded by the Lord.

Paul wanted Timothy to know: "Not only does God got a crown for me but God's got a crown for you" and for all who look and long for Christ's appearance, Simmons proclaimed.

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