

Lesson 15



Passing The Torch

”Spiritual Disciplines For
Passing It On”



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





Opening Music:

“Pass It On”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCjR4dIY33k>



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Pass It On

***It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up
in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.***

Pass It On

***What a wondrous time is spring –
when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing; the flowers
start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.***

Pass It On

*I wish for you my friend,
this happiness that I've found –
You can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountaintop,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.*

2 Timothy 2:1

***“You then, my son, be strong
in the grace that is in Christ
Jesus.”***

2 Timothy 2:1

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*Advice to a
Young Leader*



Grace

God's Unmerited Favor



Pass It On



A stack of smooth, light-colored stones on a beach. The stones are stacked in a pyramid-like shape, with the largest stone at the top. The background is a blurred beach and ocean.

*Stones
of
Remembrance*

Joshua 4

Endure

hardship

as a

good

soldier

of

Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:3



Olympic Games

THE MAIN EVENT: THE STADION



The Krypte, which was the official entrance to the [stadium of Olympia \(200 BCE\)](#).



The starting line of the [stadium in Olympia \(4th century BCE\)](#).

A wide-angle photograph of a vast, golden wheat field stretching towards a horizon. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright sunburst effect with rays of light. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light brown. A line of dark trees is visible in the distance. The foreground is filled with the texture of the wheat stalks.

*The hardworking farmer should
be the first to receive a share of
the crops.*

miraculous sign can you do to prove your authority to do all this? Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you say it will be raised in three days? But he had spoken of was his body, which was raised from the dead. Therefore, believe in the Scripture and the words that Jesus has said."

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in man.

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
3 Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Jewish ruling council, came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "How can he enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly

things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because they were evil and did not want to do evil but to hold on to what they were doing. Who believes in the light will not need to fear the darkness, for whoever expresses his faith in the Son of Man who came into the world as light, so that all who believe in him will not be condemned by man but by God."

John the Baptist's Testimony About Jesus
22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized. (This was before Jesus had begun baptizing.) John testified about Jesus and said, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven and rest on him. I do not know what the Spirit is, but I know that when Jesus was baptized, the Spirit came down like a dove and remained on him. I saw it and I testify to it, and so do all the Jews who were baptized with water in the Jordan. I know that Jesus is the Christ."

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less."

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Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman
4 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus, who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

Now he had to go through Samaria. When he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, he was tired from his journey. A well was there, and Jacob had left his stone at the well. Jesus, who was tired, sat there. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" His disciples had gone to the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "The only water I give will be like living water. Whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

She told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks the water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." She told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 'God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'"

The Disciples Rejoice
Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But when she asked, "What do you want or are you talking with her?" Jesus replied, "My water jar, the woman and said to the people, 'Come, who told me everything I have done? Didn't this be the Christ?'"

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

One sower and another reaps is true. We sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Here many are already reaping.

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Hold Steadfast to the Truth



***A Promise
A Reward
A Warning
A Truth***

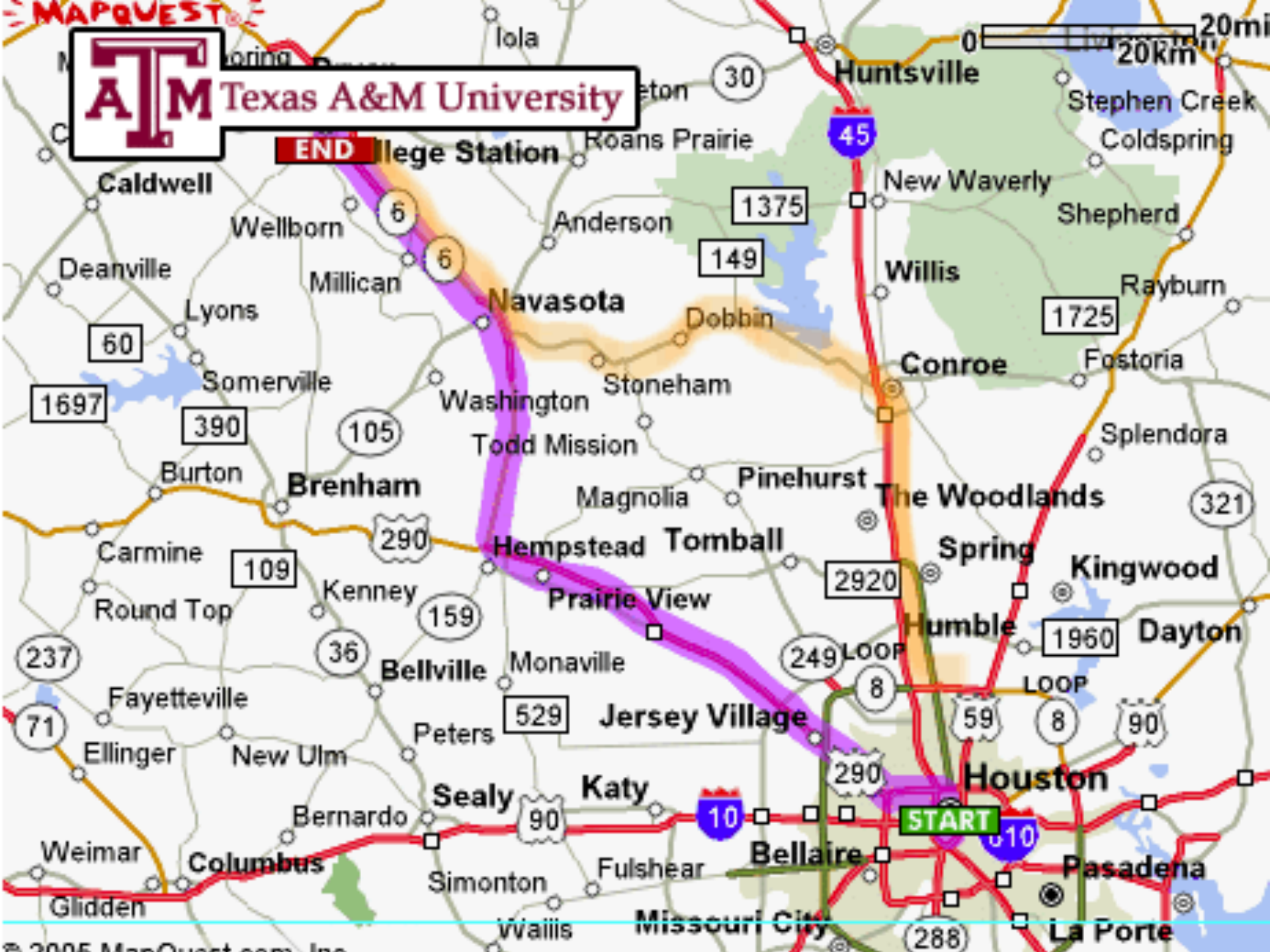
A green rectangular road sign with a white border, mounted on two wooden posts. The sign features the text "Finish Line" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, and the word "Ahead" in a smaller, white sans-serif font directly below it. The background is a clear blue sky with a soft gradient from light to dark blue.

Finish Line
Ahead

ATM Texas A&M University

END College Station

START Houston



A black and white close-up portrait of Winston Churchill. He is wearing a dark suit jacket and a white shirt with a dark tie. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left of the camera. A cigar is held in his mouth, with a small amount of ash visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

**NEVER,
NEVER,
NEVER,**

GIVE IN

A pair of gold leaf earrings. Each earring is composed of numerous gold leaf-like pieces arranged in a fan shape. The leaves are pointed and have a slightly textured surface. The two earrings are connected at the bottom by a coiled spring mechanism. The background is a dark, neutral color.

James 1:12

Application Question

*What helps you to focus on God
and God's plan for
your life?*

***“We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not
an act, but a habit.”***

Aristotle

