

## **Completing the Work**

### **Ready:**

“I have glorified You on the earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.” – John 17:4

### **Set**

April 13, 2016, was the end of an era in the National Basketball Association. It was the closing game for the Los Angeles Lakers’ season and for the late Kobe Bryant’s career.

L.A. had lost 65 games and was not making the playoffs for the third straight season. But Bryant, who announced his retirement earlier in the year, wanted to go out with a bang. In a 101-96 win in his last game, Bryant ended up with 60 points. Despite a losing season, Kobe Bryant left a lasting impression on those who watched him play that night.

When you finish a task well, there is more than a sense of accomplishment. It can show integrity, toughness and grit. But there is something bigger. Jesus came to the Earth to save us from our sin. In John 17, when He is about to be crucified, Jesus prayed for His disciples, us and Himself: “I have glorified You (God) on the earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.” Finishing a task well glorifies your Father in heaven.

While our work can never compare with what Jesus did, we can set an example. It could be the end of your season or the end of the school year. Maybe you are finishing a really challenging job.

No matter the situation, do the best you can to finish well. Ask Him for strength. God looks bigger when we do, which could leave a lasting impression on those who see it.

### **Go**

- Did you ever start something but couldn’t finish? What happened?
- Have you ever completed something really difficult? How did you feel after?
- What is going on in your life that you need to finish well?

### **Workout**

2 Chronicles 15:7

John 17:1-5

Luke 14:28-29

### **Overtime**

“Father, Jesus did something incredibly hard by dying for my sin. Thank You for His faithfulness. No matter what is in front of me, help me to glorify You by finishing well. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



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