

## Famous Last Words 02-27-22

If you had to imagine some of the famous last words of the Bible (i.e. the ones not recorded, but you might guess who they were), what would they be? “We can keep some of it, no one will know” might fit Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 6. “Just grab fire from anywhere” might be for Nadab and Abihu, and “a shame to burn it, bury it under the tent” for Aachen. The point is, everyone has “last words”, the last things before they die. But sometimes in the Bible there is a record of the last words, and they are important.

### Last Words Worth Knowing:

Moses – Deuteronomy 31:1-6

- 1) Remember God’s promises
- 2) Be strong and courageous

Joshua – Joshua 24:15-22

- 1) Choose whom you will serve
- 2) Remember God’s judgments

David – 1 Kings 2:1-4

- 1) Be strong and show yourself a man
- 2) Keep the law of God

Jacob – Genesis 47-49

- 1) Blessings on his descendants
- 2) Bury me in the promised land

In the New Testament, last words might actually be a book. Both Peter and Paul contained their last words in New Testament letters (2 Timothy and 2 Peter). Jesus’ last words were recorded in the Gospel accounts. Why does the Bible record these words? Because it is important for us to see spiritual people giving a charge to those they love. There are often common themes, such as standing firm, remember God’s promises and remember God’s judgments.

What is the application? One day something we say will be our last words. Will they be praise and trust in God like Jacob? Or might they be denying Christ as Ananias and Sapphira? The point is this: your last words reflect the manner in which you live your life.