

<sup>16</sup> When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

<sup>30</sup> For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. <sup>31</sup> He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

*Acts 28:16, 30-31*

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

<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.

*2 Timothy 4:6-8*

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*2 Timothy 4:16-17*

A large, textured, metallic sphere, possibly a globe or a decorative object, is the central focus. It has a mottled, brownish-gold surface. A small, curved handle with a spherical knob is attached to the left side. The background is a dark green chalkboard with faint, light green drawings of a pencil, a graduation cap, a book, and a sun. The text "Back to School" is written in a white, cursive font across the center, with "to" in a dark green circle. Two horizontal dashed blue lines are positioned above and below the text.

# Back to School

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*I have fought  
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*agon* = struggle

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner.

*Romans 7:21-23*

"Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others... but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, ...

*C.S. Lewis*

...but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God 'sending us' to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will be hell unless it is nipped in the bud."

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*I have finished  
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# WARNING

YOU ARE LEAVING THE SKI RESORT

## YOU CAN DIE

THIS IS YOUR DECISION POINT



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