

Focus passage: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

What stands out to you from this passage?

In verse 2, we see that Paul has passed on the gospel to Timothy and wants him to keep on passing the torch. Are there people you can think of in your life who have been used by God in growing your faith? Are there people to whom you are entrusting the gospel?

What do you think Paul means when he calls Timothy “a good soldier”?

*How can we equip ourselves as soldiers for Christ? **Read Ephesians 6:10-20.***

Does a soldier only do what he or she wants to do, or will they accept orders? Do you often do things in your Christian life that demand sacrifice and even go against what you would prefer to do?

Do you think Timothy, a leader in his church, forgot who Jesus Christ was? If not, then why would Paul urge him to remember?

It is easy to lose sight of what is important, and what is out of sight is too often out of mind. That is why we are encouraged to remember and meditate on Jesus Christ and what he has done for us. What do you do to remember Jesus Christ? What practices have you found helpful?

How can you apply this Scripture to your life?

