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The Soldier 2 Timothy 2:1-13 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

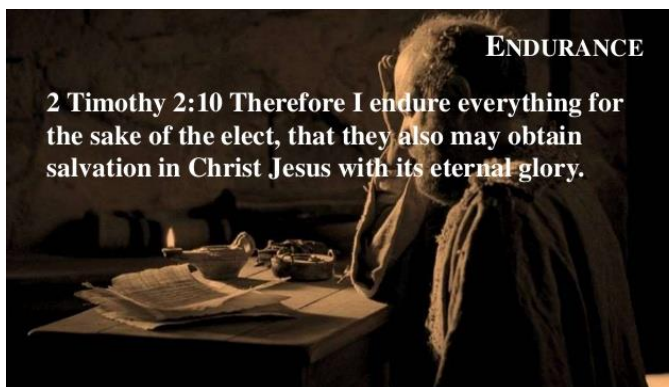
❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

en·dur·ance (noun) the power to withstand pain or hardships; the ability or strength to continue despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions.



This week we look at the second chapter of the second letter to Timothy. Paul reveals the suffering that he has been enduring. He also communicates to Timothy that he willingly accepts the suffering because of his desire to advance the gospel. Paul believes that there is no greater cause than sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and saving those that were lost. He believes so strongly that he is willing to go through any amount of suffering in order to share the gospel. He equates his situation to a war in which a soldier must be willing to endure in order to win. Paul's life centered around sharing the gospel. This week we will talk about how we can be part of sharing the gospel. What are you willing to do to save the lost?

2 Timothy 2:1-13 New English Translation

Serving Faithfully Despite Hardship

2 So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And entrust what you heard me say in the presence of many others as witnesses to faithful people who will be competent to teach others as well. ³Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one in military service gets entangled in matters of everyday life; otherwise he will not please the one who recruited him. ⁵Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he will not be crowned as the winner unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The farmer who works hard ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think about what I am saying

and the Lord will give you understanding of all this.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David; such is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship to the point of imprisonment as a criminal, but God's message is not imprisoned! ¹⁰So I endure all things for the sake of those chosen by God, that they too may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus and its eternal glory. ¹¹This saying is trustworthy:

If we died with him, we will also live with him.

¹²If we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

¹³If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, since he cannot deny himself.

🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. What hardships does Paul endure for the sake of the gospel?
9. Do you think we should expect hardship?
10. What does it mean in verse 1 when it says “be strong in the grace”?
11. Why does Paul expect Timothy to encounter such hardship?
12. Is Paul saying that suffering is required for the advancement of the gospel? Explain.

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How have you suffered for the sake of the Gospel?

14. How would you respond if we were suddenly heavily persecuted for being Christians?

15. What can we do to overcome persecution and continue to advance the gospel?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES