

Women in the Word
2 Timothy 2:1-26

November 3, 2016



1. Consider a difficult personal experience in which you persevered to the end. What motivated you to endure?

What strengthened you along the way?

2. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7. Nearing the end of his life, Paul is transferring the ministry of the church to the next generations. From 2 Timothy 2:1; Philippians 4:13 and Colossians 1:28-29 describe the source of Timothy's strength.

What other instructions does Paul give in 2 Timothy 2:2 and what is the purpose of this instruction?

3. With three examples in verses 3-6, Timothy is encouraged to expect and endure hardships. In each example, what kind of person is described and what must they do to accomplish their goal?

From these examples, what can you personalize and apply to your own life that will help you persevere in your faith?

4. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13. In verse 8, what is Timothy reminded of about Jesus?

Who is now bound with chains? What can never be bound?

In verse 10, what is the reason and hope that allows Paul to endure?

5. In 2 Timothy 2:11-13, Paul reminds Timothy of four eternal realities that encourage endurance. Read the additional verses and describe each reality:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him (Romans 6:4-8)

If we endure, we will also reign with Him (Romans 8:17; Revelation 3:21)

If we deny Him, He also will deny us (Matthew 10:33)

If we are faithless, He remains faithful — for He cannot deny Himself (John 10:27-28)

6. Read 2 Timothy 2:14-19. What are the leaders instructed **not** to do and why should they avoid these things?

Have you ever been misdirected by someone in authority? What was the result?

Consider and discuss with your group the negative impact that happens when a leader teaches and instructs things that are contrary to truth. What repulsive word does Paul use to describe this in verse 17?

In contrast, what does the approved worker do and what is the result?

7. Paul refers to two individuals who are leading people astray from the truth of the gospel by claiming that Christ's followers will not experience a bodily resurrection. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 and record the truth that God has declared regarding the resurrection.

8. Paul encourages Timothy that God's firm foundation, the church, will continue to stand in spite of bad teaching. From 2 Timothy 2:19, what two signs, or seals, are characteristics of God's church?

9. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-22 where Paul describes a useful servant in the church. What must one do to prepare for honorable use in God's house?

10. Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26. Instead of being quarrelsome, record the behaviors that are encouraged in verses 24-25.

Compare this description to the description of Jesus in Matthew 12:18-19.

11. 2 Timothy 2:25-26 describes a wonderful potential outcome for those who previously stirred up conflict and dissention. What is that outcome?

12. Considering the great examples of endurance demonstrated by Jesus and Paul, write some of your own reasons to persevere in the faith.

13. Do you have a personal prayer request to share with your small group?

Eternal Truths Help Us Endure

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BE STRONG.....for the Word of God is not bound!

2:1-13

God's enabling _____ is available to His followers.

Endurance is possible with your eyes set on a future reward and future realities.

Endurance is displayed in single-minded devotion, integrity, and labor to the point of exhaustion.

All will experience either _____ life and glory, or eternal rejection and judgment.

We can be strong because God's Word will continue to call men to eternal life.

This is the prize, the first-fruit, the victory and the crown that we pursue.

BE FAITHFUL.....for God's firm foundation stands!

2:14-19

Confident that God's Words are true:

Have nothing to do with false teaching which spreads and leads to spiritual _____.

Handle the truth correctly and teach it diligently.

God's firm foundation, the church, displays two markers:

God is faithful to His own. He knows them, preserves them and protects them.

Those who are faithful to God avoid sin and move toward truth.

We can be faithful because God has called us, changed us forever and placed us in

His church which is His firm foundation that will stand forever!

BE USEFUL.....for God uses His people in His saving work!

2:20-26

Prepare for usefulness by separating from _____ false teaching, all immature passions and all contentiousness.

Prepare for usefulness by pursuing righteousness, faith, love and peace.

We can be useful as we teach truth, correct error and help to rescue those entrapped by Satan because God is merciful to sinners and mighty to save!

Key: strength, eternal, ruin, all

#KeepinItReal Paul's Letters to Timothy

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

HEBREWS 12:1b-2 and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

ISAIAH 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

ISAIAH 55:11 So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

MATTHEW 10:33 But whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

JOHN 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-14 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1 PETER 2:9-10 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.