

Need Some Encouragement?

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Paul encourages Timothy to keep going

A. Remembering Timothy (1:1-5)

1. The call of Paul (1:1)

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

2. The consideration of Paul (1:2)

1 Timothy 1:2

3. The continual prayers of Paul (1:3)

4. The commitment of Paul (1:4)

5. The commendation of Paul (1:5)

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B. Rekindling Timothy (1:6-14)

1. Stir up the gift of God (1:6)

1 Corinthians 14:12

2. Stay strong in the Spirit (1:7)

1 Corinthians 16:13

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B. Rekindling Timothy (1:6-14) - continued

3. Stay steadfast to your calling (1:8-14)

a. In the power of God (v 8)

Romans 5:5

b. In the person of Christ (vv 9-10)

c. In the plan of God (vv 11-12)

d. In the performance of ministry (vv 13-14)

1 Thessalonians 5:21, Hebrews 10:23

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C. Reminding Timothy (1:15-18)

1. Of the deserters (1:15)

2. Of the diligent (1:16-18)

a. In mercy (v 16)

Matthew 5:7

b. In ministry (vv 17-18)

The Soldier's Call
2 Timothy 2:1-14

Fighting Is Required In Warfare

I. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God

(2:1-3)

A. Empowered by grace (2:1)

2 Timothy 2:1

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

1. A recognition of the source

Psalm 118:14

The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

2. A resolution to use

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

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B. Engaged in the battle (2:2)

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

I. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God

(2:1-3)

B. Engaged in the battle (2:2)

1. We fight inclusively

Galatians 6:2

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

2. We fight intelligently

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

I. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God

(2:1-3)

C. Enduring hardship is expected (2:3)

2 Timothy 2:3

**Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of
Jesus Christ.**

I. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God

(2:1-3)

C. Enduring hardship is expected (2:3) - continued

1. There is a risk of giving up

Isaiah 37:3

And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

Psalms 16:8

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

I. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God

(2:1-3)

C. Enduring hardship is expected (2:3) - continued

2. There is reward awaiting

James 1:12

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

II. The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7)

A. Free from worldly distractions (2:4)

2 Timothy 2:4

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

II. The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7)

A. Free from worldly distractions (2:4)

1. Don't look

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

2. Don't linger

James 1:14

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

II. The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7)

B. Fight with discipline (2:5)

2 Timothy 2:5

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

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B. Fight with discipline (2:5)

1. Keep purpose

1 Corinthians 9:24

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

2. Keep personally

1 Corinthians 9:27

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

II. The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7)

C. Follow the rules of war (2:6-7)

1. Be invested (v 6)

2 Timothy 2:6

The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

2. Be in tune (v 7)

2 Timothy 2:7

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

III. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14)

A. Remember the Commander (2:8-11)

1. His resurrection power (v 8)

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

2. His resilient power (v 9)

2 Timothy 2:9

Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

III. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14)

A. Remember the Commander (2:8-11)

3. His reviving power (vv 10-11)

2 Timothy 2:10-11

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

III. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14)

B. Share in suffering (2:12)

2 Timothy 2:12

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.

Romans 8:17

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

III. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14)

C. Endure to the end (2:13-14)

1. In Christ's faithfulness (v 13)

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

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C. Endure to the end (2:13-14)

2. In your faithfulness (v 14)

2 Timothy 2:14

Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

On Duty or AWOL?