

Endure the Hardship of the Ministry – Part 2 (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

Context: Timothy, be faithful to _____ the course, even in hardship

v. 8 – Remember _____

- _____ from the dead – passive, perfect tense verb

Significance (Rom. 1:4):

- Descendant of _____ ⇒ Messiah & Lord, now & _____

vv. 9-10 – Paul willing to suffer the chains of a _____

- *But* – the _____ is not imprisoned!
- Willing to suffer for the _____ of the church (10)

vv. 11-13 – A trustworthy statement: 4 if couplets

- *If we _____ with Him, we shall also _____ with Him* (Rom. 6:8)
- *If we _____, we shall _____ w/Him.* Will all believers reign?
- *If we _____ Him, He will deny us.* 1) Plea to endure; 2) A _____
- *If we are faithless, He remains _____* – cannot deny himself

Big Ideas and Application

1. _____ Him

- Ps. 46:10 – *Cease striving and _____ that I am _____*
Ps. 119:18; Phil. 3:8
- Some how-to^s for knowing God through His Word
 - a. _____ a time – and place
 - b. Begin with _____
 - c. Be filled with the _____ (Jn. 14:26)
 - d. Tool kit: *Bible*, _____, dictionary, _____
 - e. Use the _____ method: 1) observation; 2) interpretation:
What does this teach me about _____? 3) application

2. Making Him _____ – the Word of God is not _____

- Phil. 1:12-20 – Paul in prison in Rome (the 1st time)
- Action steps:
 - a. Ask God for _____ ways to make Jesus Christ known
 - b. Be sure _____ is a central part of your strategy
 - c. Take opportunity to open the Word of God to your _____

Discussion Questions:

1. Review the *significance* of:

- Jesus' resurrection (may want to revisit Rom. 1:4 or 1 Cor. 15)
- Jesus being a descendant of David

How do these truths impact you *where you live*?

2. If you only had 5 minutes to tell someone about Jesus who knows little or nothing of Him, what would you tell them? Assume you do not have a Bible with you – tell them from your head and heart knowledge.

To give some structure to your discussion, try to come up with 5-10 items – divided *between* Scriptural teachings of Jesus that you have internalized, *and* your personal testimony of what Jesus has done *for you* and what He means to you.

3. As per the *Action Steps* on making Christ known, ask God for creative ways that you might *make Jesus Christ known* individually & as a family during this period.

- To lost persons that you know or meet.
- To believers who may need encouragement from the Word of God to grow spiritually.
- Be sure to include **prayer** as a part of your strategy.

4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?