

Living Faithfully: Living as Jesus' Disciple in the 21st Century

Week 3: Faithful Remembrance

Introduction: 2nd Timothy 2:1-13

EXCERPT: *Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus* by David Platt.

Christians who make an eternal difference in this world are those who have learned to rely on God's strength, not their own. David Livingstone once commented on all the work Charles Spurgeon would do in a typical day (and Livingstone was no sluggard!). He asked the prince of preachers how he could do it all. Spurgeon said, "You have forgotten, there are two of us" (Piper, "Spurgeon"). God's presence in us supplies what we need to endure.

However one wishes to interpret this last phrase of the hymn, it is clear and wonderfully encouraging that "He cannot deny Himself." God cannot act contrary to His nature. He is faithful. He is the God of mercy and justice. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Remember Jesus Christ! Remember the One who conquered our enemies is seated at the Father's right hand and gives sufficient grace that we may endure hardship. If we endure through Him, we will reign with Him.

Platt, David. *Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary)*. B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

The Big Picture: Remembering Jesus is central to experiencing the life-giving, eternity changing power God loves into us!

Discussion:

Open:

- Think of one of your favorite memories. As you remember that moment, how real is it to you? Why do you think this?

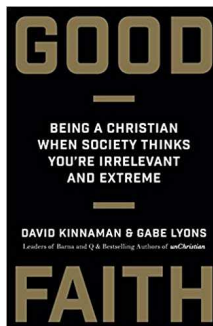
Discuss:

Read 2nd Timothy 2:1-13. Review the sermon. Write down any questions you have or any statements that stood out to you.

At Cornerstone, we believe the following six values will help you live faithfully to Jesus in the 21st Century: grace, growth, gather, gifts, generosity and goodness. These shaping values lead our discussion points.

- **Grace: Experiencing Regular Renewal and Refreshment through the Spirit**
Pastor Jeremy said, "Remembering Jesus is central to experiencing the life God intends for you." When we "remember" in the way the Bible speaks to us, the past event is experienced in the present. How can remembering Jesus' life, death, resurrection and return inspire your faith today?

- **Growth: Learning from and Applying the Word of God to My Everyday Life**
Who was the faithful person who passed the good news of Jesus into your life? How have you passed on the good news of Jesus to others?
- **Gather: Experiencing Christian Community and Gospel Renewal with Others**
Read verses 11-13. How does this trustworthy saying shape your perspective of worshipping together?
- **Gifts: Applying My Time and Talent for God’s Glory and the Benefit of Others**
Paul told Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. What do you think it means to be strong in grace?
- **Generosity: Honoring God by Sharing My Resources to Benefit Others**
v. 10 reads, “I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus...” How does enduring hard times lead to generosity into the lives of others?
- **Goodness: Expressing the Gospel at Work through Love and Good Deeds**
How does suffering for the Gospel show goodness to people who live far from God?



Further Exploration on this Topic:

Good Faith by David Kinnaman, Gabe Lyons

From the Publisher: any Christians today feel overwhelmed as they try to live faithfully in a culture that seems increasingly hostile to their beliefs. Politics, marriage, sexuality, religious freedom--with an ever-growing list of contentious issues, believers find it harder than ever to hold on to their convictions while treating their friends, neighbors, coworkers, and even family members who disagree with respect and compassion. This isn't just a problem that affects individual Christians; if left unaddressed, the growing gap between the faithful and society's tolerance for public faith will have lasting consequences for the church in America.

Now the bestselling authors of *unChristian* turn their data-driven insights toward the thorny question of how Christians talk with people they know and love about the most toxic issues of our day. They help today's disciples understand what they believe and why, and how to keep believing it without being judgmental and defensive. Readers will discover the most significant trends that offer both obstacles and opportunities to God's people, and how not only to challenge culture but to create and renew it for

the common good. Perhaps most importantly, David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons invite fellow Christians to understand the heart behind opposing views and show them how to be loving, life-giving friends despite profound differences. This will be the go-to book for young adult and older believers who don't want to hide from culture but to engage and restore it.

Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Good-Faith-Christian-Society-Irrelevant/dp/0801075440>