

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-8 (PART 2)

**DON'T
FUMBLE
THE
HANDOFF**

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis preached Part 1 of “Don’t Fumble the Handoff” from 2 Timothy 2:1-2. We considered the truth that God strengthens us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus to entrust the gospel to faithful men and women who will then entrust the gospel others also.

Read: 2 Timothy 2:3-8

This Sunday, Pastor Ken will continue with Part 2 from 2 Timothy 2:3-8. Because we tend to labor in our own strength, Paul seeks to prepare Timothy with various metaphors to teach him to be strengthened by God’s grace for the work of the gospel.

Ultimately, Paul calls Timothy to endure this life for the sake of the gospel by remembering Jesus Christ. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent move you to heed Paul’s instruction for your own life.

Reflect: “My Daily Protection”

As long as I am inside the gospel, I experience all the protection I need from the powers of evil that rage against me. It is for this reason that the Bible tells me to “take up” (Ephesians 6:13) and “put on” (Ephesians 6:11-12) the whole armor of God; and the pieces of armor it tells me to put on are all merely synonyms for the gospel. Translated literally from the Greek, they are: “. . . the salvation . . . the justification . . . truth . . . the gospel of peace . . . the faith . . . [and the] . . . word of God” (Ephesians 6:14-17)

What are all these expressions but various ways of describing the gospel? Therefore, if I wish to stand victorious in Jesus, I must do as the songwriter suggests and “put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer” (“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus,” by George Duffield, Jr.).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

That God would tell me to “take up” and “put on” this gospel armor alerts me to the fact that I do not automatically come into each day protected by the gospel. In fact, these commands imply that I am vulnerable to defeat and injury unless I seize upon the gospel and arm myself with it from head to toe. And what better way is there to do this than to preach the gospel to myself and to make it the obsession of my heart throughout each day?

“My Daily Protection,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “A Mighty Fortress,” Arr. Matt Boswell
2. “In Christ Alone,” Arr. Passion
3. “O Church Arise (Arise, Shine),” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

SONG LYRICS

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Matt Boswell

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He, amidst the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts, His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Chorus

A mighty fortress, a Rock unfailing
The King of glory forever amen
For endless ages, enthroned in praises
The King of glory forever, amen

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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SONG LYRICS

IN CHRIST ALONE

Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Bridge

I find my strength, I find my hope
I find my help in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls
I found my peace in Christ alone
I give my life, I give my all
I sing my song to Christ alone
The King of kings, the Lord of all
All heaven sings to Christ alone

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SONG LYRICS

O CHURCH ARISE (ARISE, SHINE)

Kieth and Kristan Getty ft. Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

O Church, arise, and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword
That makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Chorus

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, o church arise

Verse 3

Come see the cross
Where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

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DON'T FUMBLE THE HANDOFF

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-8 (PART 2)

Big Idea: God's grace strengthens us to endure for the sake of the gospel.

1. Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2:1)
2. Entrust the Gospel to faithful men (2:2)
3. Share in suffering as a good soldier (2:3-6)

a. A good soldier (vv. 3-4)

[3] Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

i. Willing to suffer hardship (v. 3)

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus

2 Timothy 4:5

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

ii. Does not get entangled with life's pursuits (v. 4a)

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits

iii. Desires to please the one who enlisted him (v. 4b)

since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him

Disciples are single-minded and endure hardship to please their Lord

b. An athlete (v. 5)

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

[24] Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. [25] Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. [26] So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. [27] But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-8 (PART 2)

Disciples live a life of integrity and discipline to win the ultimate prize

c. A hard-working farmer (v. 6)

It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops

Disciples labor with patience expecting a fruitful harvest

METAPHOR

A SOLDIER
AN ATHLETE
A FARMER

THE CALL

SUFFER HARDSHIP
FOLLOW THE RULES
WORK HARD

THE REWARD

PLEASE THE ONE WHO ENLISTED YOU
WIN THE PRIZE
RECEIVE YOUR SHARE OF THE HARVEST

4. Think over what I say (v. 7)

a. To understand scripture we must study it (v. 7a)

Think over what I say

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth

1 Peter 2:2-3 2

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good

b. To understand scripture we must rely on God (v. 7b)

for the Lord will give you understanding in everything

Psalms 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law

Disciples prayerfully study God's Word in order to understand it and apply it to their lives

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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-8 (PART 2)

5. Remember Jesus Christ (vv. 8-9)

[8] Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, [9] for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

a. He is our supreme example

1 Pet. 2:20-21

[20] For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. [21] For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

b. He is our greatest encouragement

Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

We are encouraged because of two gospel truths:

i. Christ's resurrection (v. 8b)

risen from the dead

2 Timothy 1:10

And which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

ii. Jesus' messianic qualifications (v. 8c)

the offspring of David

Romans 1:3-4

Concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

Disciples daily remember that Jesus Christ is their victorious resurrected king



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

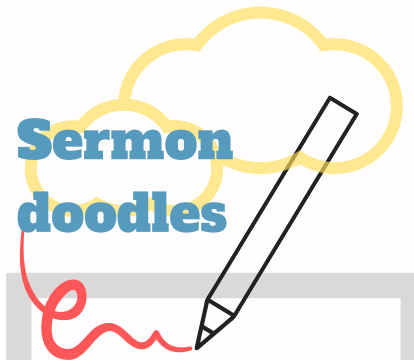


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Commit your life to God's purpose for you to be a disciple maker.

DISCUSS

- Read 2 Timothy 2:3-8. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- Paul compares Timothy's calling to a soldier, an athlete, and a hardworking farmer. What is the point of each analogy? How does each illustrate important truths of the Christian life?
- What do these 3 illustrations (soldier, athlete, and farmer) have in common?
- Verse 4 states that no one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian pursuits– since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. What might Paul be referring to as “civilian pursuits?” If Paul were living in our community in the present day, what “civilian affairs” might he warn us against?
- Do you really believe the Gospel is worth sacrificing for? If it truly was, how might life look different?
- What might God be calling you to surrender now (like the soldier, athlete, and farmer) for the greater good of the Gospel?
- What specific applications does Paul give to help us endure? (verses 7-8)
- What way is God calling you to respond in light of this passage?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

DON'T FUMBLE THE HANDOFF (PART 2)

Because we tend to labor in our own strength, Paul seeks to prepare Timothy with these various metaphors to teach him to be strengthened by God's grace for the work of the gospel.

READ: 2 Timothy 2:3-8

- What was something that stood out to you in this past Sunday's sermon? Specifically, which metaphor (i.e., the soldier, the athlete, the farmer) stood out to you the most? Why?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:4. Over this past week, have civilian pursuits entangled you? Which ones? Be specific.
- Paul encourages Timothy to "remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel" (2 Timothy 2:8). As you labor for God are you remembering the truth of Jesus Christ? How can you rehearse the gospel to yourself this week?

PRAY

- Pray that as you labor for God, it would be His grace that sustains you and not your own strength.
- Pray that Crosspoint's elders, ministers, and staff would remember the truth of Jesus Christ and be sustained by God's grace for the work of the gospel.

SING: "Your Grace Finds Me" by Matt Redman

(<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hmFJkGEv3Lw>)

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

WHAT MEAN THESE STONES?

In the book of Joshua, we observe God's faithfulness as he leads his people across the Jordan and into the promised land. Just as God had miraculously delivered the Israelites from Egypt he was going to carry them across the Jordan and into the Land he had promised to give them. As the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River the Lord told them to set up 12 stones to help them and their children always remember God's faithfulness.

READ: Joshua 4:4-7, 20-24

- What are some of the miraculous things we know God did from reading vs. 4-7?
- Why do you think it was so important for the nation of Israel to remember God's deliverance from Egypt and now across the Jordan river into the promised land (vs. 20-24)?
- Why is it so important we remember the gospel and not forget the realities of God's transforming salvation in our lives (2 Timothy 2:8)?

PRAY

- Spend time reflecting on the numerous and wondrous evidence of God's faithfulness and salvation described throughout all of scripture.
- Pray that as you remember God's past faithfulness he would give you confidence to trust in his future faithfulness.

SING: "How Great Thou Art" by Shane & Shane

(<https://youtu.be/W5-8-cjAuTQ>)

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

STRENGTH THROUGH REMEMBERING

Sometimes our troubles are at no fault of our own. Other times, our troubles makes us aware of our own sinfulness. Notice how David's troubles in this psalm lead him to awareness of his own sin and how he finds strength and hope through remembering God's faithful character and works from the past.

READ: Psalm 143:1-12 (esp. vv. 5, 6)

- When we're aware of our own sinfulness, we recognize we don't deserve to stand in God's presence. What hints do you see of David's unworthiness in vv. 1-2?
- How does David respond in his grief (vv. 5-6)?
- Join in with David in meditating on all that God has done and pondering the work of his hands. List things that specifically come to mind from the Scriptures or your personal experience.

PRAY

- Having just listed works of the Lord, thank Him for revealing himself to you in these ways.
- Ask for grace to endure as a disciple by remembering these works throughout this week.

SING: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(https://youtu.be/_vd502ClwTE)

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS

Peter exhorts fellow believers to endure hardship with eyes on God, following in the steps of Jesus by faith, and bringing glory to God by displaying the holy and loving character of Christ.

READ: 1 Peter 2:20-25

- Summarize this passage in your own words.
- What does it mean to endure in faith? How have you seen God help you to endure?
- How does this passage help you understand what suffering is? Compare this passage to 2 Timothy 2:3-8. How does 1 Peter 2 help you to understand this week's message?
- What can we learn from how this passage describes Christ and his response?

PRAY

- Pray to have faith marked by endurance.
- Pray for those that suffer for their faith. If you know of a missionary serving overseas, pray specifically for them as they share Christ with others.

SING: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" by Shane & Shane

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_4uZX9MqCo)

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020

AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1 gives us an overview of how the one, true, triune, eternal God created all things for his glory. Here we see the immeasurable creative power of God's word as he speaks everything into existence *ex nihilo* ("from nothing"). It is from this foundation that we find our purpose and identity as part of our glorious God's creation.

READ: Genesis 1:1-25

- What does this passage teach us about God? How do you see the trinity at work in creation? (Col. 1, Heb. 1, John 1)
- What is the significance that humankind is the only part of creation that is made in God's own image? How does this affect how we view all people? (vv.26-27)
- How do Matthew 19:4-5, 1 Corinthians 11:8, 1 Timothy 2:13, reveal how the Jesus and the Apostle Paul viewed the creation account in Genesis 1 as history?

PRAY

- Praise God for his incredible power for making all things by the word of his power.
- Pray that God would receive the glory he deserves and desires from creation, starting with you in your daily life.
- Pray that God would continue to call people from spiritual death and sin into the life that only he offers. Pray God's kingdom would continue to expand throughout the world.

SING: "All Creatures of Our God and King" by David Crowder
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSFK7UiH5Us>)