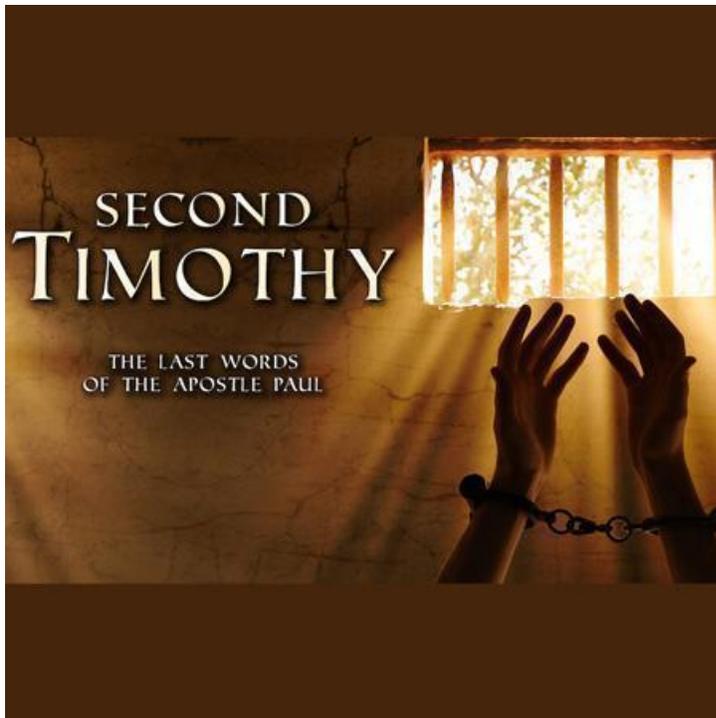


## **A Spiritual Father's Last Words V**

**2 Timothy 2:1-9**

**"The Higher Call"**

**A few weeks ago we started this NEW SERMON SERIES titled "A Spiritual Father's Last Words" by acknowledging that there is Power in the Written Word**



**So far we've done an Intro & covered Paul's greeting...**

**we spoke about Timothy's HERITAGE, & the faith that was passed down to him**

**We spoke about having Faith Displaced**

**& Last week The Message Title was "Divine Motif" or Patterns. We looked at patterns & typology & prophecy in scriptures...**

**& how Paul himself is a pattern or model of grace...**

***Encourage you to go listen to last week's message & Intro....***

**\*\*Message & App PLUG - SLICK / STILL**



**If you haven't done so already.... Would you please, Like our page on fb, or subscribe to our YouTube Channel, or follow us on IG, or ALL of the above...**

Today we're picking up....

**\*\*2 Tim 2: 1-9**      NKJV

You therefore, my son, *be strong in the grace* that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to *faithful men* who will be able to *teach others* also. 3 You therefore must *endure hardship as a good soldier* of Jesus Christ. 4 *No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.* 5 And also *if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.* 6 *The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.* 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

### *Opening Prayer*

**\*\*Sermon Bump Video** - The Calling

## *Answering The Higher Call*

There's always a cost to greater responsibility.

Every time I've ever received a promotion.. Added tasks, more hours, higher stress. Not everyone is cut out to be the BOSS.

Luke 12:48b

New King James Version

**For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.**

The Message

**48 "The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed. But if he does a poor job through ignorance, he'll get off with a slap on the hand.**

**Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!**

**To whom MUCH is Given, MUCH will be required**

**Paul now asks Timothy to reflect these lessons, in light of everything we have learned so far....**

**He ought SHUN those who forsook him 1:15, & follow his example & that of Onesphorus. V. 8-18**

**Paul recognizes him as his spiritual son.**

**Children ought to imitate the example of their fathers.**

**And so he gives him a 2nd admonishment -- BE STRONG literally, “*be invested with power.*”**

**Have power, and show yourself to have it; implying an abiding state of power.**

***Consistently - Walk w/ a Holy Ghost Swag***

**in the Grace that is Jesus...**

**Grace- that unmerited FAVOR...**

*Finding strength in gratitude*

**entrust these things:**

**Paul entrusted the gospel to Timothy; now Timothy must entrust it to others. The apostles intended for teaching and traditions to be passed on to others as they ALWAYS HAVE through the prophets.**

**Deuteronomy 6: 6-9**

**6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

*This did not change in the NT*

**\*Acts 2:42**

**And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

**“competent to teach” This qualification for an elder**

**\*\*1 Tim 1-7**

**This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.**

**\*\*Titus 1:9**

holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort (*encourage - encite to action*) and convict (*1: to find or prove to be guilty 2: to convince of error or sinfulness*) those who contradict.

These qualifications for an elder were especially needed because of the threat of false teachers. **HERESY** in the Church.

That threat is greater **TODAY** than it was then... fake news/ false narratives / revisionist history....

**V.3** He tells Timothy “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

*endure hardship; must share in the hardship as a good SOLDIER..*

*How many ppl know that A soldier ENDURES HARSHIPS?*

Once you enlist ... you are **NO LONGER** your own.

**Train / exercise / work / follow orders / no questions/**

*A soldier doesn't ask WHY, they just DO or DIE*

**\*v 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.**

**Roman soldiers recognized the authority of their commanders.**

**Paul exhorts Timothy to be single-minded in his devotion to the interests and concerns of our GENERAL Jesus Christ - OUR KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS.. THE TRUE COMMANDER IN CHIEF -**

### **A SOLDIERS POSITION- CHRISTIAN POSITION**

**-No longer your own - belong as property to the government.**

**PAID FOR - HIGH PRICE**

**-Training & discipline to complete objectives. - Becoming Disciples.**

**Weekly meeting plug - Mon. Zoom -1st things 1st - advanced discipleship  
/ Tue. corp prayer / Thu. Bible Study**

**-Don't get involved in civilian affairs or “the business of this life”**

## **AN ATHLETES POSITION-**

**5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.**

**\*1 Co 9:25–27** NKJV

**And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, (Grk: leaves) but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**

**There's a real cost to answering the "Call" to ministry...**

## **A Farmers Walk**

**6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops**

**The farmer must 1st PLOW the ground before he can REAP the crop.... Gotta put that work in and not expect "immediate gratification"**

**It's NOT about YOU**

**Put the work in and you will receive the REWARD of a bountiful harvest....**

*The right of first partaking of the fruits belongs to him who is laboring;*

*do not thou, therefore, relax thy labors, as thou wouldst be foremost in partaking of the reward.*

**Deut 25:4**

**4 “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.**

**Laborer is worthy of his wages.... God is our BOSS.... Do you not think He’s able to PAY us wages?**

*It’s GOOD to work for GOD!*

**\*2 Tim 2:8–10** NKJV

**8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory**

## **Ephesians 6:10-13**

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.***

**ARE YOU STANDING TODAY? Have you committed yourself to answering the “call” to “Surrendering” yourself and enlisting into His Service??**

**Have you ever met Him at the ALTAR? Open up your heart to Him? Asked Him to cleanse you , heal you, forgive you? Give you His Holy Spirit**

***Have you received the GIFT by the laying on of hands from the eldership?? According to God’s Word??***

**I'd like to be able to pray for you this morning.**

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**Perhaps you stumbled across this post online by accident. Or someone invited you out of the blue..**

**Can I encourage you this morning... right there where you are, build an altar to the Lord and surrender your heart...**

**will you close your eyes and bow your heads w/ me??**

**Dear God, ..... salvation prayer...**

**Closing Prayer....**

**Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...**

If this was the 1<sup>st</sup> time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognized Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us..... [HYPERLINK "http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member"](http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member) [www.thepeakcc.com/new-member](http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member) Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

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*"The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace."*

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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