

SERMON NOTES

FAITHFUL WHEN WE FEEL LIKE WALKING AWAY

2 Timothy 1:13-18



BIG IDEA: Our faithfulness is measured not by how we begin but by how we endure, especially when tempted to walk away from our calling.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

If you could compare your current Christian walk with some race or sport, what would it be and why?

What are some challenges or temptations that might cause someone to walk away from their faith, doctrinal fidelity, or specific calling in Christ?

In what ways can the example of Timothy and Onesiphorus inspire us to remain faithful, even when faced with adversity or the temptation to give up?

APPLY

Have you ever found yourself tempted to stray from sound doctrine or compromise your beliefs when facing difficulties? What was the outcome?

When you feel spiritually fatigued, what practical steps can you take to "hold fast to biblical doctrine," as Paul advises Timothy?

Reflect on a time when you had to guard the "good deposit" of faith entrusted to you. How did relying on the Holy Spirit help you in that situation?

Are there individuals in your life who, like Phygelus and Hermogenes, have turned away from the faith? How has their example impacted your walk with Christ, and what can you learn from their mistakes?

How can you practically encourage someone in your life who may be struggling with their faith or considering giving up, just as Onesiphorus encouraged and refreshed Paul in his time of need?

COMMIT

This week, identify one specific area where you feel tempted to walk away from your faith or service to Christ. Commit to holding fast to sound doctrine and seeking the Holy Spirit's strength to guard the good deposit within you. Share this commitment with a trusted friend or mentor who can pray for and support you.