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**2 Timothy 2:1-7**

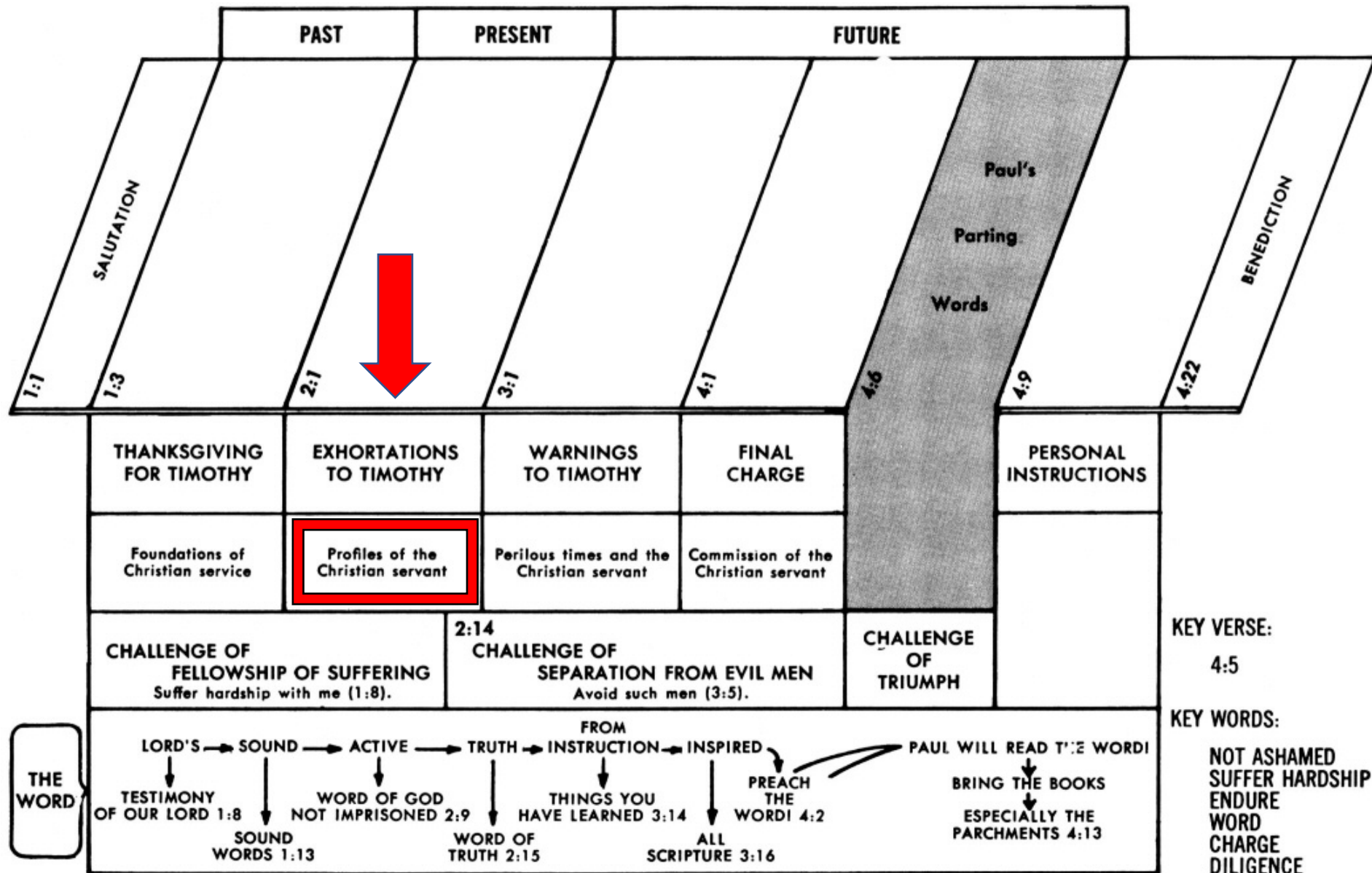
**Remember!**

**Consider!**

**2 Timothy 2:1-13**

2 Timothy 2:7,8 **Consider** what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. **Remember** Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,

“Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them.” James Hudson Taylor



KEY VERSE:  
4:5

KEY WORDS:

NOT ASHAMED  
SUFFER HARDSHIP  
ENDURE  
WORD  
CHARGE  
DILIGENCE

# 9 Personalities of Faith

- Timothy as a Son
- Timothy as a Teacher
- Paul's Illustrations:
  - **Soldier**
  - **Athlete**
  - **Farmer**

- Paul as:
  - Prisoner
  - Workman
  - Vessel
  - Bond-Servant



# Chiasm of 2 Timothy 2:2

- The things which you have heard from me
  - in the presence of many witnesses
    - **entrust these**
    - to faithful men
  - who will be able to teach others also

# Paul's Illustrations

- Soldier – Discipline
- Athlete – Dedication
- Farmer – Diligence
- Each giving a dimension of truth
- Together giving a composite of truth



1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.



3 Suffer hardship with me,  
as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

# Remind 1-3

- Imitate
- Duplicate
- Replicate
- Be Strong
- Be Selective
- Be a Soldier



“Christianity without discipleship is  
always Christianity without Christ.”  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.



6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.





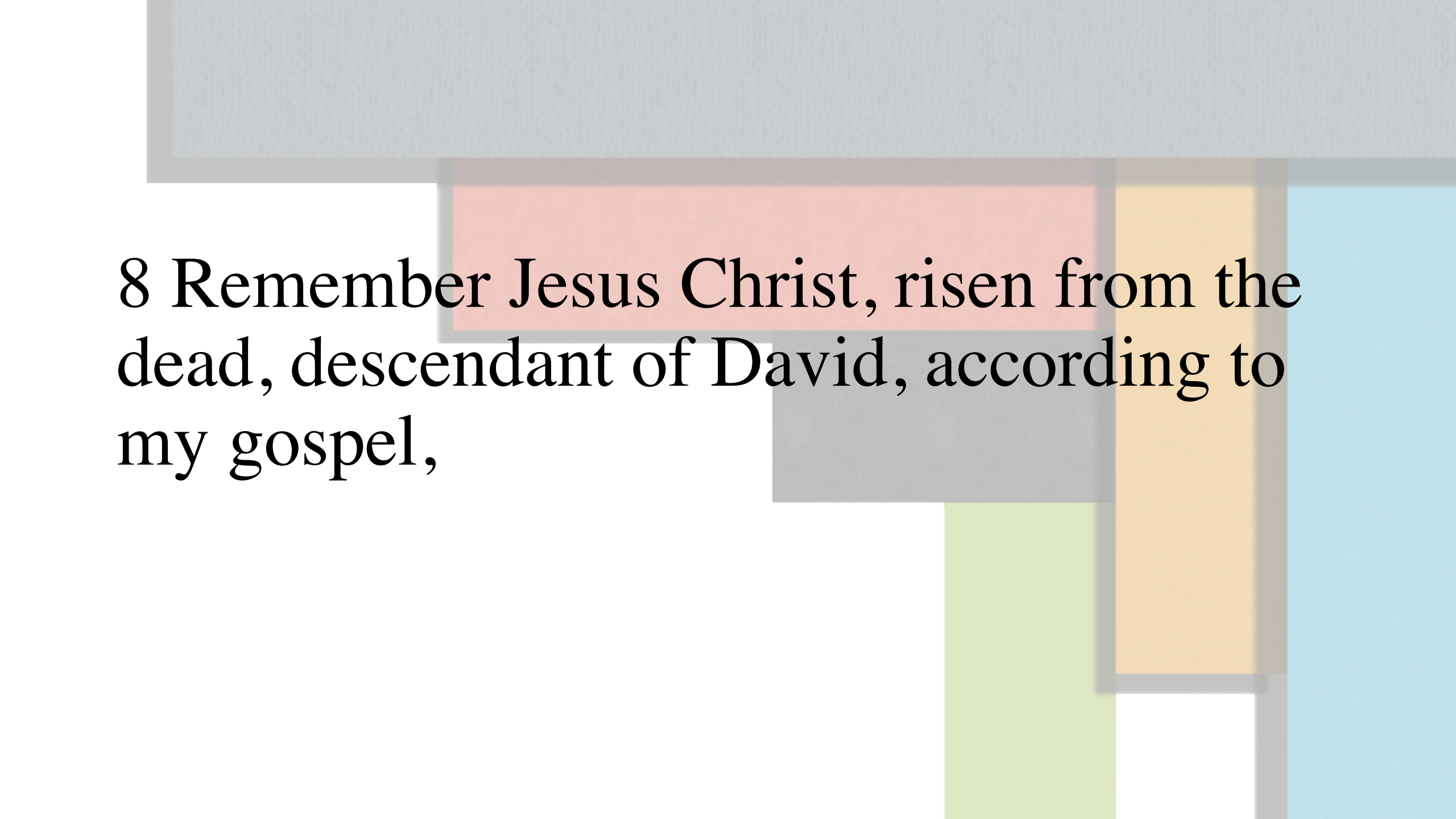
7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

# Reflect 4-7

- Soldier – Discipline
- Athlete – Dedication
- Farmer – Diligence
- Consider! = ‘ponder’
- Lessons learned only in reflection – ponder!



“Discipleship is more than learning or practicing – it is replicating!”



8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,

9 for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

# Remember 8-10

- Central teaching of the Gospel – RAISED!
- ‘David’ – subject of promises
- ‘suffer’ – cost of discipleship
- ‘they also’ – prize of discipleship

1Thess 2:18,19 For we wanted to come to you - I, Paul, more than once - and yet Satan hindered us. For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?



1 Thess 3:6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, 7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; 8 for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord. 9 For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account, 10 as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?



3 John 4 I have no greater joy than this,  
to hear of my children walking in the truth.

“We can walk without fear, full of hope and courage and strength to do His will, waiting for the endless good which He is always giving as fast as He can get us able to take it in.” George Macdonald

11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;

12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;



13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful,  
for He cannot deny Himself.

# Rely 11-13

- If we...died
- We will...live
- If we...endure
- We will...reign
- If we...deny
- He will...deny
- If we are faithless - **HE REMAINS!**



“Discipleship is not an option. Jesus says that if anyone would come after me, he must follow me.” Tim Keller



# Consider & Remember!

- Examples of faithfulness
- Lessons of Creation
- “Inadequacy should be an apology not an alibi!”



“Only a disciple can make a disciple.”  
A. W. Tozer



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