

# Faithful or Entangled

Good Soldiers Stay On **Mission**, On **Azimuth**, and On **Point**  
Your **MAP** to remaining a Faithful Disciple

**2 Timothy 2:1-13**

# Your MAP to remaining a Faithful Disciple

- + On Mission: stay focused on the mission God has for you
  - + Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1b-2a, NIV)
- + On Azimuth: remain true to the standard—The Bible, God's Word
  - + Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. (Psalms 119:2-3 NLT)
- + On Point: be ever vigilant (1 Peter 5:8 NASB1995)
  - + Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-4 (NLT)

- + Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.
- + Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

# 2 Timothy 2:1-4

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**Be Strong  
through the  
grace that  
God gives  
you.**

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**Teach others  
so they can  
teach others.**

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**Endure  
suffering &  
hardship, as a  
good soldier.**

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**Don't get tied  
up with less  
important  
things.**

# As a Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

<b>Share in Suffering</b>	Share in suffering; No Soldier gets <b>entangled</b> in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (ESV)
<b>Endure Suffering</b>	Endure suffering along with me; Soldiers don't get <b>tied up</b> in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. (NLT)
<b>Suffer Hardship</b>	Suffer hardship with me; No Soldier in active service <b>entangles</b> himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a Soldier. (LSB)

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Tied up, busy, distracted, too tired to care, focused on the wrong thing or the least important thing, missing the big picture

If you're not entangled with the affairs of this life, then you can stay focused on your mission for Christ (On Mission), remain true to the standard of God's Word (On Azimuth), and be ever vigilant to the Devil's designs against you and against your mission (On Point)

# On Mission—Mission Command


“faithfully accomplishing our commander’s intent”

<b>Soldier</b>	<b>Christian</b>
<b>Be ready; Continual State of Readiness to Defend</b>	Be faithful; called to live a holy life
<b>Prepared through rigorous training</b>	Be strong; through wholesome teaching, prayer
<b>Transform volunteers into Soldiers</b>	Teach others so they can teach others
<b>Endure hardship to accomplish mission</b>	Endure hardship for Christ while on His mission

# What's God's mission for you?

<b>SOLDIER</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN</b>
<b>Constant Preparation &amp; Training in Warfare</b>	Constant Prayer, Continual Christian Fellowship & Training in God's Word
<b>Shoot</b>	Hide my words in your heart
<b>Move</b>	Go ye unto all the world
<b>Communicate</b>	Pray, Preach the Gospel, Make Disciples





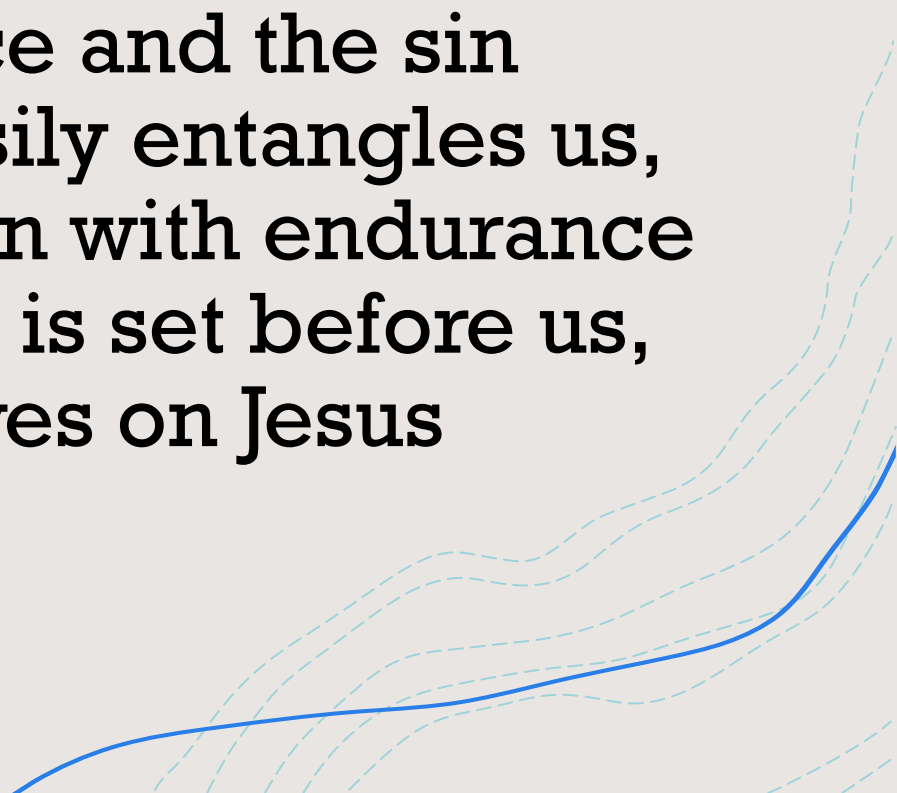
**What hinders  
your mission?**


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**Hebrews 12:1b-2a (NASB1995)**

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**Let us also lay aside every  
encumbrance and the sin  
which so easily entangles us,  
and let us run with endurance  
the race that is set before us,  
fixing our eyes on Jesus**





# On Azimuth— remain true to the standard of God's Word

2 Timothy 2:5-9 (NLT)

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And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules.

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And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor.

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Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

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Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal.

But the word of God cannot be chained.

# On Azimuth—

- + Everything in land navigation begins with an azimuth.
- + An azimuth is a horizontal angle measured clockwise by degrees or mils between a reference direction and a line to an observed or designated point.
- + What does shooting an azimuth mean?
  - + shooting an azimuth means climbing to a height, sighting an object on the horizon in the direction you're travelling, and adjusting your compass heading to make sure you're still moving in the right direction.
- + Why would you need to shoot a back azimuth?
  - + Use a Back Azimuth if you need to verify you are still on your desired direction of travel.

# What keeps you from checking your Azimuth?

- + Tozer said that whatever kept him from his Bible was his **enemy**, because he realized the crucial importance and impact of the Bible in his life.
- + God's Word is not just a way to get to know more about God; it's the way to know God and is your MAP.
- + "Whatever keeps me from my Bible is my enemy, however harmless it may appear to be."



**On Point—  
be ever  
vigilant to  
the Devil's  
designs  
against you**

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**2 Timothy 2:10-13 (NLT)**

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**So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.**

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**This is a trustworthy saying:**

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**If we die with him, we will also live with him.**

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**If we endure hardship, we will reign with him.**

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**If we deny him, he will deny us.**

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**If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.**

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# On Point?

- + Endure to bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen
- + Die with Him—Live with Him
- + Endure Hardship for Him—Reign with Him
- + Deny Him—He will Deny You
- + Fail God (be unfaithful, become entangled)—He will not fail you (He remains Faithful because of Who He Is)

# Who is On Point with you?

- + Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to walk On Point with you?
- + “I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (Philippians 3:12-14 NLT)



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