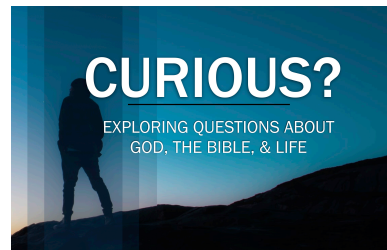


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Embracing the Hard

With Aaron Richert  
June 27, 2021



- When life gets hard, we tend to look for easy.

2 Timothy 2:1 (NLT) “Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus.”

- We need strength to live for God. But the strength we need is available from God.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT) “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.”

2 Timothy 2:3 (NLT) “Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

- To achieve anything meaningful in life requires sacrifice.

2 Timothy 2:4-7 (NLT) Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. <sup>5</sup> And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. <sup>6</sup> And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. <sup>7</sup> Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

**Big Idea: Embracing and enduring the hard work of seeking Christ and His Kingdom is worth it because of what the Good News is.**

2 Timothy 2:8 (NLT) “Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.”

- Jesus embraced the ultimate hardship for us.

2 Timothy 2:9 (NLT) “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.”

2 Timothy 2:10 (NLT) “So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.”

- Are we?

- Start by doing the hard work of being filled with God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.



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