

# The Focused, Competing, Hardworking Disciple

## 2 Timothy 2:1-13 (April 19<sup>th</sup>)

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“The extreme goodness of Christianity lies in the fact that it does not seek a supernatural remedy for suffering but a supernatural use for it.”

2 Timothy 2:1 ESV

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,”

1 Corinthians 15:6-10 ESV

“Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

“So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

## 2 Timothy 2:2-4 ESV

“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

## NATASHA CRAIN

“Remember, that homes where deep and meaningful conversations happen regularly are not the product of lucky parents, they are the product of intentional parents who believe that nothing is more important than raising kids who know and love Jesus. All those sports events, music practices, play rehearsals and other activities that fill our week can be great, **BUT JESUS MUST COME FIRST.**”

## 2 Timothy 2:5-10 ESV

“An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

## 2 Timothy 2:7 ESV

“Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.”

Romans 8:28-29 ESV

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

2 Timothy 2:11-13

“The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”