

COVENANT

I Will Grow Spiritually

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1–7, 14–19

Series Spotlight:
Church membership is a response to Christ's saving grace. Our Church Covenant is an agreement to live together in that grace, helping one another follow Jesus.

Introduction - Growing Spiritually Takes Intention
There is a difference between growing older as a Christian and growing stronger as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The question isn't merely how long we've known Jesus. The question is: Are we becoming more like Jesus? Spiritual growth requires an intentional response to God's grace, a growing commitment to His Word, and a willingness to help others follow Jesus.

Our Church Covenant:

VI. I Will Grow Spiritually
Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NLT

- By practicing the habits of a disciple daily
- By connecting and engaging with a Life Group
- By making disciples

I. PURSUE Spiritual Growth Every Day! (2 Timothy 2:1–7)

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

Consider: What is one daily habit you need to begin, renew, or strengthen to pursue spiritual growth?

II. Grow in God's Truth WITH OTHERS (in Community)! (2 Timothy 2:14–19)

GOOD NEWS COMMERCIAL:

Remind God's people of these things. 2 Timothy 2:14 NLT

GOSPEL WITNESS — What are "these things"? (vv. 8–13)

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Consider: Am I simply attending a Life Group, or am I actively helping others grow while allowing them to help me grow?

III. HELP OTHERS Follow Jesus Who Will Help Others Follow Jesus! (2 Timothy 2:2)

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 2:2 NLT

Consider: Who is one person I can intentionally encourage, invest in, or help take the next step in following Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

1. **Growing Older or Growing Stronger?** Paul encourages Timothy to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 2:1). How would you distinguish between simply growing older as a Christian and actually growing in spiritual maturity?
2. **The Discipline of Discipleship.** Paul uses the illustrations of a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer (2 Timothy 2:3–6). Which of these illustrations most challenges you in your current season of life? What habits, distractions, or competing priorities may be hindering your spiritual growth?
3. **Growing Together in God's Truth.** Paul emphasizes faithfully handling God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15). How can a Life Group help us move beyond simply knowing biblical information to applying God's truth in everyday life?
4. **Passing the Faith to Others.** In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul describes a pattern of disciples investing in other disciples who will, in turn, teach others. Who has significantly invested in your spiritual development? How might you follow that example by intentionally investing in someone else's walk with Christ?
5. **Living Our Covenant.** Our Church Covenant calls us to practice the habits of a disciple daily, connect and engage with a Life Group, and make disciples. Which of these three commitments needs the greatest attention in your life right now? What is one specific action you can take this week to begin growing in that area?