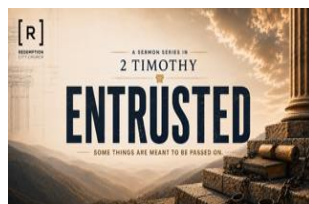




Are You Going to Live a Life
God Can Use?

2 Timothy 2:1-13



STICKY STATEMENT: Some things are meant to be passed on

Like a relay baton, what has been entrusted to us was never meant to stop with us. Paul calls Timothy to turn conviction into commitments so that God can use his life.

WHEN LIVING A LIFE GOD CAN USE, MAKE A COMMITMENT TO...

1. BE _____ DAILY BY GRACE. (v. 1)

“Be strong / be strengthened” carries the idea of continuing to be empowered. Timothy is not told to strengthen himself, but to receive strength from Jesus.

Christianity isn't about you becoming strong enough for God — it's about discovering God is strong enough for you.

Grace isn't merely what saves us at the beginning of the Christian life.

Grace is what sustains us throughout the Christian life.

You cannot have intimacy without intentionality. Living a life God can use doesn't begin by doing FOR Jesus; it begins by BEING with Jesus.

Whatever you don't change, you choose.

2. _____ YOUR LIFE WITH JESUS INTO OTHERS. (v. 2)

Be a disciple who makes disciples. Discipleship isn't simply teaching people what Jesus said; it's helping people know Jesus, become like Jesus, and follow Jesus.

ENTRUST WHAT YOU'VE RECEIVED

A life God uses is a life that has been passed on to others.

Invest strategically in people who are spiritually **F.A.T.:**

FAITHFUL — *growing in Jesus is already a priority.*

AVAILABLE — *they consistently make room.*

TEACHABLE — *humble enough to ask questions and be shaped.*

Your greatest resource to give away isn't your money or talent — it's your time, your Jesus-life, your faith.

There are spiritual fingerprints all over your life. *Whose life are you leaving yours on?*

3. STAY _____ THROUGH SUFFERING. (vv. 3–10)

RESILIENCE = the choice to faithfully and patiently endure.

SOLDIER — stay FOCUSED.

Don't become entangled in the things of this world and get pulled off mission. (2 Tim. 2:3–4)

ATHLETE — stay DISCIPLINED.

The crown isn't for merely wearing the jersey. Do the unseen work and run in such a way as to finish faithfully. (2 Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 9:24–27)

FARMER — stay FAITHFULLY PATIENT.

Prepare, plant, water, work — and wait. Just because you can't see what God is doing doesn't mean God isn't working.

DO THE WORD — 2 TIMOTHY 2:7

“Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.”

Which picture hits closest to home right now: soldier (staying focused), athlete (staying disciplined), or farmer (staying faithfully patient)?

Where have you been asking God to fix your circumstances when He may be teaching you through them?

Where do you need to keep going even though you can't see the harvest yet? What would staying faithful look like this week?