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## Title: "The Call To Endure"

Text: 2 Timothy 2:3

As a good soldier, we are called to endure hardness. What does it mean to endure hardness? How can we build hardness? What does the life of Jesus teach us?

### The Call to Endure Hardness:

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Hardness

*How does one build hardness? By doing hard things!*

#### Physical Endurance

**1 Corinthians 9:24-25** *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.*

#### Mental and Emotional Strain

**Philippians 4:6-7** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

#### Facing Danger and Uncertainty

**Ephesians 6:11-12** *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

# Application for Christians: Building Spiritual Hardness

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**1 Timothy 4:7–8** *But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and **exercise** thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*

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**1 Corinthians 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

3. Work as a \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 10:24–25** *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

### His Life and Ministry

**Isaiah 53:3** *He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

### His Suffering and Sacrifice

**Hebrews 12:2** *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*