

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

CHAPTER 2 BEGINS WITH THE PHRASE “BE STRENGTHENED BY THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS.” “BE STRONG” IN

THIS PASSAGE IS A PASSIVE VERB, WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS NOT STRENGTH THAT ONE PRODUCES IN/FOR ONESELF, BUT STRENGTH THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN BESTOWED UPON YOU.

2 Timothy 2:1

PAUL CHARGES TIMOTHY TO CONSIDER THE TRUTH OF WHAT HE HAS SHARED WITH HIM. HE USES THREE ILLUSTRATIONS: A GOOD SOLDIER, AN ATHLETE WITH INTEGRITY, AND A HARD-WORKING FARMER. IN ALL THREE WE SEE HARDSHIP & SACRIFICE ARE INHERENT, EACH HAS A SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS, AND SUBMIT THEMSELVES TO A GREATER MASTER.

2 Timothy 2:3-6

1. HOW DOES STRENGTH BY THE GRACE OF JESUS DIFFER FROM “STRENGTH” PRODUCED BY HUMANS? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN JESUS INSTEAD OF IN YOURSELF?

2. WHICH ILLUSTRATION DO YOU RELATE TO AND WHY? HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH A SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL? WHAT “CIVILIAN PURSUITS” (V. 4) IN YOUR LIFE CAN OFTEN DISTRACT YOU FROM A SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS?

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS PASSAGE AND THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WHAT ARE YOU BEING CHALLENGED TO REMEMBER AND TO RESPOND TO IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

Paul urged Timothy to entrust to faithful men the words that he heard.

Who in your life has been faithful to share the gospel with you, and who can you be faithful to share the gospel with? Spend some time praying as a group for those specific people who come to mind.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS IDEA THAT WE HAVE DIED TO SELF AND LIVE FOR CHRIST.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE DIFFERENT?

