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**Remaining Faithful in Service
2 Timothy 2:8-13**

1. The unstoppable nature of God's word reveals God's faithfulness. (8-10)

2 Tim. 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, **9** for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! **10** 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.

a. Paul reminds Timothy of the centrality of Jesus' resurrection. (8)

2 Tim. 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel...

i. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead provides rock solid proof that God is faithful.

- **God fulfilled his promise to raise up the Messiah from the line of David.**

Ps. 89:3 You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 4 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" (also see Isaiah 11 & John 7:42)

- **God fulfilled his promise to raise Jesus from the dead.**

Acts 2: 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** For David says concerning him [...] **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

ii. The resurrection proves Jesus' authority, authenticity, and power.

1 Cor. 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. **20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

b. God's faithfulness to accomplish His purpose fueled Paul's service (9-10).

2 Tim. 2:9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! **10** 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.

Paul's Pro-tips:

- Progress in God's kingdom is not limited by our circumstances. (9)
- Suffering is temporary, glory is eternal. (10)

2. The unfailing promises of God give us encouragement to endure (11-13).

2 Tim. 2:11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

- a. The old you is dead and gone and the new you has found life in Jesus. (11b)
- b. If we endure faithfully, we will be rewarded with honor in the age to come. (12a)
- c. Jesus will rightly disavow those who disavow him. (12b)
- d. Even when we lose our focus, Jesus will always remain faithful. (13)

3. How do we benefit from Paul's words to Timothy?

- a. Keep Jesus and his resurrection power at the forefront of our minds.
- b. Be diligent to carry out Jesus' call on your life, even when faced with setbacks.
- c. Memorize a line or two from your favorite hymn/praise song and sing them aloud throughout your week for the purpose of encouragement.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. How can we work to keep God's faithfulness at the forefront of our minds when difficulties arise? In what ways can we help each other as brothers and sisters in Christ to stay faithful?
2. What kinds of setbacks tend to discourage you in serving others for the sake of the Gospel? In what ways can you grow to trust God's unstoppable word to encourage you and give you confidence to keep going?
3. What is your favorite hymn/praise song and why? What truths from that song can give you encouragement to stay faithful and endure suffering for the sake of the Gospel?

SONGS

"Found In You" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"Together In This" - Valley Bible Worship

"The One Who Saves" - Ben Fielding

"Yes And Amen" - Anthony Brown, Nate Moore, and Chris McClarney

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$25,318.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$667,296.90
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$775,984.00