



1) STRENGTH of the Fight

*You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)***

*That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. **2 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)***

Quote from Faith for Exiles... (pg. 54)

In our qualitative interviews, we discovered that people don't learn to follow Jesus simply by having lots of great head knowledge about him (although having the right beliefs matters, as we'll see). Experiencing Jesus is found along a relational pathway with family, friends, and other people who love and experience Jesus. We are loved into loving Jesus.

2) STRATEGY of the Fight

*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. **2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)***

3) STRUGGLE of the Fight

*Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. **2 Timothy 2:3-7 (NIV)***

*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. **2 Timothy 2:8-10 (NIV)***



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

2 Timothy 2:1-10

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Reflection Questions:

1) Why is a simple exhortation like "be strong" or "buck up" insufficient and unhelpful? Why is it important to know that our strength comes from Jesus and not from ourselves?

2) Who has been a "Paul" in your life by investing in your spiritual life and growth? How did they do that for you? What did you appreciate the most? Do you have a few "Timothy's" in whom you are investing your life and faith? Why or why not? Who could you intentionally move toward? Take to pray over them?

3) Why do you think many are not practicing spiritual multiplication that Paul describes in 2 Timothy 2:2? What makes it challenging for you?

4) How are Christians and soldiers, athletes, and farmers alike? How are they different? Are you entangled with stuff that is keeping you from investing in the growth of others? Are any good things keeping you from doing the most important things?

5) What is your next step on the Growth Path? Where do you want to see growth in your life and faith?



what's your next step?

growth path

FOLLOW JESUS

GET BAPTIZED

READ THE BIBLE

PRAY REGULARLY

**LISTEN TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

SHARE YOUR FAITH

gather

connect

serve

give