

## Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 9

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*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.*

- 2 Timothy 2:8-10

### Day 1 Loyal Service

*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, —2 Timothy 2:8*

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1. Why would Paul instruct Timothy to remember Jesus Christ?
  - a. What things is he instructing Timothy to remember of Jesus Christ?
  
2. Why is it so important to continually remember that Christ rose from the dead? (See 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19.)

3. What is the Davidic Covenant? See 2 Samuel 7:8-17.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why is it important to recognize that Christ is a descendant of David?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What do these passages tell of Jesus Christ?
  - a. Luke 1:27
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. John 7:42
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Romans 1:3

d. Revelation 5:5

e. Revelation 22:16

## **Day 2** Loyal Service

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1. How would the remembrance of “Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David,” have brought comfort and strength to Timothy?
2. Paul has numerous reminders to Timothy in this letter to remember. Why did Paul stress the importance of remembrance so often?

- a. Why do we need to so frequently be reminded of the things of God?
- b. Is there a particular area of your life where you are struggling to remember the promises of God right now?  
Take time to remember God's faithfulness to you, His promises to you, and what it means to be a child of God. Share with another believer your struggle and ask them to pray with you and help you remember.
3. How can you use Scripture to combat your struggles? See Romans 12:1-2 & Ephesians 4:17-32.
4. Why does Paul call it “his gospel”?
5. How often do you recall the gospel on a daily basis?

a. What things can you do to remind yourself of the gospel more often?

b. What is the consequence of forgetting the gospel?

### **Day 3** The Unstoppable Truth

*for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. —2 Timothy 2:9*

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1. Where did Paul's suffering lead him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What Roman law do you think Paul had broken?

- a. The same word for criminal is used in Luke 23:32-39. What does this tell us about the kind of criminal Paul was being treated like?
  
- b. What kind of death do criminals like this face?
  
3. Paul was treated as a criminal and yet he did not complain about his mistreatment. Do you complain about hardships in your life? Take time to pray and ask God to help you to truly “give thanks in all things,” and thank Him for His sovereignty.
  
4. Are we to obey every law we are subject to? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.
  
5. Why was the word of God not imprisoned when Paul was?

- a. How was Paul able to effectively be a witness for Christ even while he was imprisoned?

#### **Day 4** The Goal of Loyal Service

*For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. –2 Timothy 2:10*

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1. What is the reason that Paul “endures all things for the sake of those who are chosen”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do these passages teach us about complaining?
  - a. Exodus 16:8
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Numbers 11:1

c. Job 2:10

d. Romans 8:28

e. Philippians 2:14-15

f. Philippians 4:11-13

g. 1 Thessalonians 5:18



3. What are you willing to endure for the sake of the gospel and the sake of those who are chosen? Ask God for wisdom and strength for what ever he wills to do in your life.
  
4. Looking back, are there any areas of your life where you complained and grumbled about what God had ordained for you?  
If you have never confessed that sin, we urge you to do it now and be made right with God. If you are struggling with God's sovereignty and providence, seek out someone to help you better understand them so that you can rejoice in all things.

## **Day 5** The Goal of Loyal Service

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1. Who are the chosen?
  - a. Who chose them?

b. Why chose those specific people?

c. When were they chosen?

d. Can anything cause them to lose their status as chosen ones?

2. How can Ephesians 1:3-14 help you better understand election?

a. What are the beautiful truths in these verses?

3. Even though God's work is completely monergistic (God alone) what means does He use and what must be the response of each person to the command? See John 3:16 & Romans 10:9-14.
  
4. What is the eternal glory that comes with salvation? (See also Romans 8:16-17.)
  
5. When a person is saved, what are they saved from? What are they saved for?
  
6. What do we have to look forward to? See Revelation 22.

### **Dig Deeper**

1. From your knowledge of Scripture what verses tell us of Christ's example in suffering?

2. Make a list of daily, weekly, and monthly truths you'd like to be frequently reminded of.
  
3. If you are struggling to replace sin with righteousness, make a list. In one column write the sin you are struggling with, seek the Lord's forgiveness, and write the scripture that helps you combat the sin. Example:

<p>I sinfully worry about my husband losing his job.</p>	<p><b>Matthew 6:26-34</b>  26 Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? 28 And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! 31 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.</p>
<p>I lack kindness in my speech.</p>	<p><b>Ephesians 4:29-32</b>  29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.</p>