

SERMON NOTES

FAITHFUL WHEN WE FEEL WEAK

2 Timothy 2:1-7



BIG IDEA: God provides an abundance of grace in Christ so that we can be strengthened and remain faithful to our calling, even when we feel weak.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Share a time when you faced a challenge that made you feel beyond your strength. How did you respond to the situation?

Paul uses several metaphors to illustrate the Christian life. Which of these metaphors resonates most with your current walk with Christ, and why?

How does that metaphor encourage or challenge you to persevere in faith?

APPLY

Timothy was encouraged to pass on what he had learned to faithful people who could teach others. In what ways can you be intentional about sharing what God has taught you with others?

Paul calls us to endure hardship like a good soldier. What are some challenges you are currently facing that feel like suffering? How can viewing these struggles through the lens of pleasing Christ help you endure them?

The Christian life requires discipline and integrity, much like an athlete competes according to the rules. Are there areas in your spiritual life where you are tempted to take shortcuts? How can you rely on God's grace to maintain discipline and stay faithful?

Paul encourages us to endure like a hard-working farmer who patiently waits for the harvest. What are the areas of your life where you are investing effort but not yet seeing results? How can you find encouragement in the promise that your labor is not in vain?

COMMIT

Verse 7 encourages us to "think over" Paul's words, promising that the Lord will give us understanding. After reflecting on this passage, what specific step can you take this week to rely on God's grace when you feel weak, whether through teaching, enduring hardship, maintaining discipline, or patiently persevering?