

# SERMON NOTES

## FAITHFUL IN THE LAST DAYS (PART 2)

**2 Timothy 3:10-17**



**BIG IDEA:** Faithfulness in the last days requires a commitment to follow the pattern of godliness set by those who have gone before us and to trust in Scripture's sufficiency to transform our lives and equip us for ministry.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Have you ever experienced a time when you worked hard at something but felt like your efforts didn't matter? How did that make you feel, and what did you do in response?

In verses 10-11, Paul encourages Timothy to follow his example of faithfulness and endurance. Who are some people in your life who have set a strong example of godly living for you to follow?

Paul tells Timothy that all who desire to live a godly life will face persecution (v. 12). Why do you think living for Christ can lead to opposition, even in today's world?

## APPLY

In what areas of your life do you feel like giving up because faithfulness seems futile? How might remembering godly examples help you persevere?

How has God's Word challenged or corrected you recently? Can you think of a specific time when Scripture exposed an area where you needed to change?

Paul endured many hardships, yet he says the Lord rescued him from all of them (v. 11). How does this perspective encourage you in your own trials and difficulties?

Scripture equips us for "every good work" (v. 17). What specific good works is God calling you to today, and how can you lean on His Word to prepare and strengthen you for those tasks?

## COMMIT

What is one specific step you can take this week to trust more deeply in the sufficiency of Scripture to transform an area of your life or equip you for ministry?

### Further Study

What other parts of Scripture emphasize the role of God's Word in shaping and guiding our lives (e.g., Psalm 119, Hebrews 4:12)? How do these passages deepen your understanding of 2 Timothy 3:16-17?

Compare Paul's teaching on the power of Scripture in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 with Jesus' use of Scripture in His ministry (e.g., Matthew 4:1-11). What do we learn about how God's Word should shape our responses to temptation and opposition?