

II Timothy 2:1-7 **Big Take Aways From Last Week:** 1. Paul as a father figure (a mentor) **invested** in Timothy

2. Sometimes following Christ comes at a **COST Pain** is sometimes the source used to produce Godliness & **Christlikeness** in us



II Timothy 2:1-3a Jesus is the **Source** of ALL of our strength! Isaiah 40:29-31

True strength comes from resting in the undeserved, unmerited favor of God (the reality of **God's Grace** should give us confidence & boldness)-

Each of us need to **Understand** that in our own lives & then **Dass** that truth on to those we pour into (our Timothy's)

I. A **Soldier** II Timothy 2:3-4 "Suffer hardships with me" = literally means – take **Share** in **Suffering**

Good soldiers DON'T give up simply because a task is hard Matthew 16:24

Paul's instructing Timothy to be a good soldier: One who Follows commands (listens to the King)

Tone who Forgoes comfort (maybe good or bad things) One who **Fights** for the **Callse** (the Gospel)

II. An Athlete II Timothy 2:5 NO athlete in a **Competition** gets to make up their own **TUCS**

James 4:17 Hebrews 12:1-3

We need to lay down **everything** that might weigh us down We need to run with endurance (focusing on Jesus Christ)

III. A Farmer II Timothy 2:6

Before the sun goes up farmers are Working & long after the sun goes down farmers are still **Working** (each task is hard WOTK)

I Corinthians 15:10 **Everything starts & ends** with the Grace of God (without that we labor in vain)

SO WHAT?

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