

A STUDY IN 2 TIMOTHY

faithful
TO THE END



Group Participant Guide

Series: No Matter What

Remember This

2 Timothy 1:1–7

Opening Question

Who is someone (family member, mentor, teacher, etc.) who made a lasting impact on your faith or character? What stood out about their influence?

Grounded by Calling and Grace

Read 2 Timothy 1:1–2

Discussion Questions

- What does Paul emphasize about his own calling in verse 1?
- How does Paul describe Timothy in verse 2, and what does that reveal about their relationship?

Application

- How does knowing your identity in Christ affect how you face uncertainty or hardship?
- Who can you speak encouragement or identity-shaping truth to this week?

A Legacy of Faith

Read 2 Timothy 1:3–5

Discussion Questions

- What do we learn about Timothy's spiritual background in these verses?
- How does Paul model spiritual encouragement here?
- What do you think Paul means by "a sincere faith"?

Application

- Who has modeled sincere faith for you, and how has that shaped your journey?
- Are you cultivating a sincere faith that others might remember or be strengthened by?

Courage, Calling, and the Spirit

Read 2 Timothy 1:6–7

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to "fan into flame" the gift of God?
- What are the three qualities Paul says come from the Spirit in verse 7?
- Why do you think Paul contrasts fear with these traits?



Application

- Where are you currently shrinking back due to fear or insecurity?
- What might it look like for you to actively stir up your God-given calling this week? –
- How can your group help one another walk in power, love, and self-control?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

What part of this passage spoke to you most today?

Where do you need courage or clarity in living out your faith?

Pray for each other to walk boldly in the Spirit and steward well the gifts God has given.



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2 Timothy 1:8–18

Opening Question

What's something that makes you feel hesitant or fearful to speak up for your faith in everyday life?

Courage for the Gospel

Read 2 Timothy 1:8–10

Summary: Paul urges Timothy not to be ashamed of the gospel or Paul's chains, but to share in suffering. He reminds him of the unshakable truth and beauty of the gospel.

Discussion Questions

- What two things does Paul tell Timothy not to be ashamed of in verse 8?
- According to verses 9–10, what truths about the gospel are meant to strengthen us?

Application Questions

- What fears or hesitations hold you back from speaking boldly about Jesus?
- How can reflecting on God's grace (v.9–10) help us face difficulty or pressure?

Paul's Example and the Call to Guard the Truth

Read 2 Timothy 1:11–14

Summary: Paul reflects on his calling as a preacher and his willingness to suffer because of his confidence in Christ. He urges Timothy to hold to sound teaching and to guard the truth with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- What stands out about Paul's confidence in verse 12?
- What does it mean to "hold fast to the pattern of sound words" (v.13)?
- How is the gospel entrusted to Timothy, and how is he to guard it?

Application Questions

- Where are you tempted to compromise or soften biblical truth?
- How can we practically guard the gospel in our homes, churches, and conversations?



Faithfulness vs. Abandonment

Read 2 Timothy 1:15–18

Summary: Paul contrasts two responses to hardship: those who abandoned him in Asia and Onesiphorus, who courageously sought him out and served him.

Discussion Questions

- What does Onesiphorus's example show us about faithful presence and courage?
- Why do you think others turned away from Paul?
- What does this section teach us about how to support fellow believers who are suffering?

Application Questions

- Who do you know that's suffering for their faith, struggling with boldness, or isolated in ministry? How can you refresh or encourage them this week?
- Are you more like Onesiphorus—or those who turned away—when things get uncomfortable?

Closing Prayer & Reflection

What verse or phrase stood out to you most in this study?

Where is God calling you to deeper courage or loyalty?

Pray for boldness, endurance, and gospel faithfulness in your group and community.



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2 Timothy 2:1-13

Opening Question

What's something in your life that has required steady, long-term effort or commitment? What helped you stay with it?

Discussion Questions

Strengthened by Grace, Entrusted with Truth

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2

- What does it mean to be "strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus"?
- How is this different from just trying harder?
- What is the pattern of discipleship Paul describes in verse 2?

Application Questions

- Are you drawing strength daily from grace, or just running on effort?
- Who are you intentionally investing in so the gospel continues beyond you?

Endurance in Everyday Pictures

Read 2 Timothy 2:3-7

- What common theme runs through the images of soldier, athlete, and farmer?
- How does each image challenge or encourage you?
- Why do you think Paul uses these everyday roles to talk about spiritual life?

Application Questions

- Which of these three images speaks most to your current season of life and faith?
- What might need to change in your rhythms or priorities to live more like a soldier, athlete, or farmer?

Remember Jesus and Trust the Promise

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13

- Why does Paul tell Timothy to "remember Jesus Christ"? What specific truths does he highlight?
- What do verses 11-13 say about the long-term outcome of endurance?
- How does Paul's example of suffering shape the way we view difficulty in our own lives?



Application Questions

- What truth about Jesus do you most need to remember this week?
- Are you living with eternity in view—or mostly just today?
- How might your faithfulness impact the salvation and growth of others (v.10)?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

Which image or verse spoke most clearly to your current season?

What's one way you can act on this passage this week?

Pray for endurance, focus, and joy in everyday faithfulness to Jesus.



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2 Timothy 2:14–19

Opening Question

When have you seen words either build someone up or tear someone down? What made the difference?

Discussion Questions

Faithful Words and Right Handling

Read 2 Timothy 2:14–15

1. What kinds of “word fights” are tempting in Christian circles today?
2. What does it look like to “rightly handle the word of truth” in daily life?

Application Questions

1. Are your conversations marked more by gospel clarity or by debates over side issues?
2. What would it look like for you to pursue God’s approval rather than people’s?

The Danger of False Teaching

Read 2 Timothy 2:16–18

1. What makes some teaching seem appealing even if it’s untrue?
2. Why is it important to call out false teaching sometimes—like Paul does here?

Application Questions

1. How do you filter what voices you listen to (books, podcasts, media)?
2. Is there any belief or voice in your life that is pulling you away from truth?

The Foundation and the Call to Holiness

Read 2 Timothy 2:19

1. What does this verse teach us about assurance and obedience?
2. How do these two truths—God’s knowledge of His people and our call to holiness—work together?

Application Questions

1. Is God calling you to turn from any sin or compromise you’ve tolerated?
2. How does knowing that you belong to God motivate you to pursue holiness?



Closing Reflection & Prayer

What challenged or encouraged you most today?

How can your words better reflect the gospel this week?

Pray for discernment, boldness, and purity as we live out our faith in a world of confusion.



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2 Timothy 2:20–26

Opening Question

What's something in your home that you reserve for special use (guests, holidays, etc.)? Why do you treat it differently?

Clean and Useful to the Master

Read 2 Timothy 2:20–21

Discussion Questions

- What does this imagery of vessels teach us about how God uses people?
- What might it mean to “cleanse yourself” from dishonorable things?

Application Questions

- Are there attitudes, habits, or influences in your life that make you less available or useful to God?
- What would “set apart as holy” look like practically for you this week?

Flee and Pursue

Read 2 Timothy 2:22

Discussion Questions

- What are some “youthful passions” that are tempting to chase today?
- Why is it important to replace what we flee with what we pursue?

Application Questions

- What's one area where you need to flee this week? What's one you can pursue?
- How can your community (DGroup, small group, etc.) help you grow in this?

Correcting with Gentleness

Read 2 Timothy 2:23–26

Discussion Questions

- How does this passage challenge your natural response to opposition or disagreement?
- What is the goal of correction, according to this passage?

Application Questions

- Is there a conversation you need to approach with more humility and gentleness?
- How can you reflect God's heart in how you respond to people who disagree with or challenge your faith?



Closing Reflection & Prayer

- What's one truth from this passage you needed to hear?
- How does God want to make you more useful this week?
- Pray for hearts that are clean, gentle, and ready for every good work.



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2 Timothy 3:1–9

Opening Question

What are some signs in our culture today that people are more focused on self than on God?

Hollow Godliness

Read 2 Timothy 3:1–5

Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you most in Paul’s description of the last days?
- How does the phrase “having the appearance of godliness but denying its power” describe some religious culture today?

Application Questions

- Are there areas in your life where cultural values have subtly shaped how you think or live?
- What does it look like to actively pursue godliness with power?

Watchfulness and Wisdom

Read 2 Timothy 3:6–9

Discussion Questions

- Why does Paul warn about false teachers targeting the vulnerable?
- What does it mean to be “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth” (v.7)?

Application Questions

- Are there voices (online, social, cultural) influencing you more than Scripture?
- How can we become more discerning about truth vs. imitation?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

- Where did you feel convicted or challenged by this passage?
- How can you grow in discernment and devotion in a culture drifting from truth?
- Pray for wisdom to recognize false teaching, courage to avoid it, and faithfulness to walk in godliness with power.



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2 Timothy 3:10-17

Opening Question

What's something valuable you learned from watching someone else's example—not just what they said, but how they lived?

Following a Faithful Pattern

Read 2 Timothy 3:10–13

Discussion Questions

- What parts of Paul's example stand out most to you in verses 10–11?
- How does Paul view persecution in the Christian life?

Application

- Who are you following as a pattern of godly living?
- Are there areas where fear of opposition or rejection keeps you from faithfulness?

Remaining in the Word

Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17

Discussion Questions

- What do these verses teach us about the origin and purpose of Scripture?
- How does Scripture equip believers for life and ministry?

Application

- Are you regularly reading Scripture for transformation or just information?
- What could help you deepen your engagement with God's Word this week?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

Where do you feel most challenged by this passage?

How can you intentionally invest in the next generation of believers, like Paul did with Timothy?

Pray for a renewed love for God's Word and boldness to live it out with integrity in everyday life.



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2 Timothy 4:1–5

Theme: Stay faithful to the truth when it's easier to drift.

Main Idea: In every season, followers of Jesus are called to speak and live the truth of God's Word—especially when others won't listen.

Group Aim: To help believers discern the pull toward comfort and compromise, and to be faithful in proclaiming and living God's truth with patience and courage.

Discussion Guide

Engage the Text

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5

1. Paul begins with a strong charge “in the presence of God.” What does that reveal about how seriously we should take the call to live and speak truth?
2. What do you think it means to “preach the word...in season and out of season”? How does this apply to people who aren’t pastors?
3. Paul says people will “not endure sound teaching.” What does that look like in our culture today? How do you see the pull toward “itching ears”?

Examine the Heart

4. Why do you think people (including us at times) are tempted to prefer messages that make us feel good over truth that challenges us?
5. Which of Paul’s four commands in verse 5 (be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry) do you find most challenging right now? Why?

Apply the Truth

6. What will it look like for you and our church to live out “preach the word” in today’s world?
7. How can we guard our hearts from drifting toward what’s comfortable instead of what’s true?

Live It Out

- **Memorize:** 2 Timothy 4:2 — “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”
- **Action Step:** Identify one relationship or situation this week where you can lovingly and truthfully speak God’s Word.
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for courage to stay faithful to truth, even when it’s unpopular.



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2 Timothy 4:6–8

These are some of Paul's final recorded words. Sitting in a Roman dungeon with execution imminent, Paul is not hopeless—he's confident. He reflects on his life, his ministry, and the future that awaits him in Christ. This passage gives us a sober look at death, a powerful model of faithfulness, and a hopeful picture of the Christian finish line.

Icebreaker Question

When you think of a “finish line,” what comes to mind—athletic, academic, personal, spiritual? Why?

DISCOVERY—WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

Read 2 Timothy 4:6–8

Q1. What images does Paul use to describe his present situation? (v.6)

Q2. What three statements does Paul make about his life in v.7?

Q3. What does Paul say is waiting for him after death? (v.8)

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Q4. How does Paul's view of death differ from how most people view it today? Why?

Q5. What does this teach about faithfulness over time—not perfection, but direction?

APPLICATION: HOW DOES THIS LAND IN LIFE?

Q6. If you were to evaluate your life today, which statement from v.7 feels strongest—and which feels weakest? Why?

Q7. What would it look like for you to “finish your race” with faithfulness in this season of life (home, work, church, purity, relationships)?

Q8. Paul lived with the finish line in view. What tends to distract you or pull you off course?



PRAYER

- Thank Jesus for the hope beyond death.
- Ask for endurance in the race.
- Pray for one another's "next step of faithfulness."
- Pray that our church would be full of men and women who finish well.

