



Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

TITLE: ENDURANCE: I AM IN IT TO WIN IT

INTRODUCTION

- A. **2 Timothy 1:15**, ¹⁵ *This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.* _____
- B. Since Paul was Timothy’s father in the ministry, he encouraged Timothy, ³ *You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.* _____
- C. Similarly, we must, contrary to our human emotions, feelings and desires, endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus, the Christ _____
- D. Why is enduring hardship, versus giving in to our emotions, feelings and desires, a must? _____
- E. To Win. The goal is To Win _____

WE MUST ENDURE HARDSHIP

- A. Endure hardship = *kakopatheō* = *kakos*, “evil,” *pathos*, “suffering” = to suffer evils and troubles, to be afflicted
- B. Example of a soldier: The soldier has commitment – To Win _____
- C. Example of an athlete: The athlete competes with integrity – To Win _____
- D. Example of a farmer: The farmer works hard – To Win _____
- E. What do they all have in common? Endurance _____

THE HARDSHIP IS ON US, YET CANNOT STOP US

- A. Life provides many challenges and chains _____
- B. For Paul, it was the physical chains of confinement _____
- C. Nevertheless, although Paul was chained, the Word of God was not chained _____
 - 1. Philippians 1:12-18
 - 2. Ephesians 6:19, 20
 - 3. Colossians 4:18
- D. Although we are _____, we endure because the Word of God is not _____

THEREFORE, I ENDURE BECAUSE IT IS NOT ABOUT ME – IT IS TO WIN

- A. Verse 11, *For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.* _____
Romans 6:3, 4, 8, ³ *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?* ⁴ *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* ⁸ *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,*
- B. Verse 12 a, *If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.* _____
Revelation 3:21, ²¹ *To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*
- C. Verse 12 b, *If we deny Him, He also will deny us.* _____
- D. Verse 13, *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.* _____