

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Lesson 6

Endure for King and Country

Day 1: Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Endure for Christ's Sake (for King)

1. Paul has already addressed the theme of suffering in chapter 1. This week he motivates us to endure through the tough times. Read verse 8 and describe how remembering Christ as the model of endurance can help us. Give some specific instances of how Christ endured. _____

2. Verse 8 describes Christ as "**descendant of David**" and one who is "**risen from the dead**". Why these two descriptions, and how does remembering Him in this way help? _____

3. Not many of us suffer as common criminals like Christ or Paul (verse 9), but nonetheless we do suffer. What form might suffering take place for Christians here in America? _____

4. How are we called to respond to suffering at the hands of the world? Give an example from the life of Christ or a verse describing a proper response. _____

5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:10 and explain why God chooses to use suffering in His presentation of the life-giving gospel. _____

Day 2: Read 2 Tim 2:8-13 Endure for the Church's Sake (for country)

1. Though Christians may be put in prison, the Word of God cannot be incarcerated. Describe one of the many ways this truth can be illustrated. _____

2. "I endure, so you too can endure" seems to be what Paul is telling a discouraged Timothy. Paul was suffering at the hands of the world. At whose hands was Timothy suffering? _____

3. Practically, what did Timothy's suffering look like? Think about what subjects we have covered in 1 and 2 Timothy. _____



4. Discouragement is the biggest difficulty in the pastorate. With the average pastor lasting less than 4 years at a church, the tendency is to quit. Explain why this is not an option for Timothy. Explain why this is not an option for you. _____

5. How would you be an encouragement to Timothy? What Biblical precepts would you use to exhort him to stay the course? _____

6. It is hard to realize that sometimes we will suffer at the hands of the world, and sometimes at the hands of our fellow believers. How do you reconcile the latter as bringing glory to God and working good in us? _____

7. What does the phrase "**for the sake of the elect**" mean? How does this help you endure suffering? _____

Day 3 Read 2 Tim 2:8-13 Endurance Proves Our Citizenship

1. Paul ends this passage by reminding Timothy of a familiar hymn. Read verse 11 and describe **practically** what this looks like in everyday life. (See also 1 Cor 15:31, Gal 2:20, 5:24, Rom 8:13) _____

2. How is this countercultural to what the world is telling us (or selling us)? Use some advertisement slogans to make your point. _____

3. Verse 12 says that "**if we endure, we will reign with Him.**" Does this mean that our endurance **adds** to our salvation? Why or why not? _____

Day 4 Read 2 Tim 2:8-13 Endurance Proves Our Citizenship

1. The stanzas of the hymn move from positive to negative in the second part of verse 12. Read Matt 10:32-33. What kind of faith does the Holy Spirit give at salvation? _____

2. Verse 13 describes how though men may be unfaithful (unbelieving), Christ remains true to His promises to save those who believe, and cast out those who are unbelievers (Jn 3:16,18). How does Christ's unfailing promises comfort us when we are afraid we won't endure? (Hint - remember who is enduring) _____

