

# Purposeful Endurance

Proclamation Life Groups; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Week of Sunday, July 31, 2016; Steve Thiel

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**Suffering is unavoidable when we faithfully preach, teach, and guard the good news of the gospel; and therefore, endurance is absolutely essential if souls are going to be saved and we're going to receive the prize of eternal glory.**

## **I. Strengthened by the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 2:1**

- A. What do you think it means to “be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus”?
  
- B. How does Ephesians 6:10-20 help us remember that our strength is not in ourselves?
  
- C. Which sources provide you with the most encouragement: prayer, bible reading, listening to sermons or worship music, verse memorization, or meeting with other Christians?

## **II. Strategy to Guard the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 2:2**

- A. In verse 2, how many generations of faithful men are listed?
  
- B. When Paul says, “faithful men who are able to teach”, who comes to your mind?
  
- C. How does the strategy given in 2 Timothy 2:2 guard the gospel? Why not a statement of faith?
  
- D. Are you being disciplined by someone in your church? Why or why not? Are you personally discipling someone younger or less mature in the faith? Why or why not?

## **III. Suffering Endured for the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 2:3-13**

- A. What three examples does Paul give us in verses 3-7? What is the point of each example?
  
- B. Are there any good things in your life that are keeping you from doing the main thing (Matthew 28:18-20)? What good things keep you from making disciples of all the nations?
  
- C. What is Paul’s purpose for enduring suffering? How does election fuel Paul’s evangelism?
  
- D. What promise is given in the first two lines of the trustworthy statement quoted (vv.11-12a)? What warning is given in the second two lines (vv.12b-13)? How do they motivate you?