



2 Timothy 2:8-13
Structural Integrity

Re-Read:

Re-read this section of the letter again some time this week. The Apostle Paul is encouraging Timothy to suffer for the gospel because, frankly, it is worth it. Look back to earlier in the letter and what we've seen so far. Why is suffering for the gospel "worth it"?

Review:

Outline from Sunday's Sermon

- I. Preaching Christ's Gospel (v. 8)
- II. Power in Christ's Gospel (v. 9)
- III. Purpose in Christ's Gospel (v. 10)
- IV. Promises with Christ's Gospel (vv. 11-13)
 - A. Release
 - B. Reign
 - C. Rejection
 - D. Remain

Respond:

- 1) The title of this message was "Structural Integrity." What can cause a local church to fail and become vulnerable — and thus lacking structural integrity?
- 2) The first thing Paul says to Timothy is to "remember." How do you continually remember the truths that we've read together in God's Word?
- 3) How does the Word of God demonstrate power in your life? See Hebrews 4:12-13. How has this power been demonstrated in your life?
- 4) Pastor John mentioned the story of Luke Short. He became a believer in Christ some eighty-five years after he heard a pivotal sermon. How can you relate?
- 5) Paul continued to minister with the gospel "for the sake of the elect" (v. 10). What does this tell us about evangelism and the role that we play for others becoming believers?
- 6) How have you "died" with Christ? See Romans 6:6-8.
- 7) What does it mean to "reign with Christ"? See Revelation 20:6 and 22:5.
- 8) What does it mean to "deny" Christ? See Matthew 10:26-33.
- 9) Finally, what does it mean to be "faithless"? How does v. 13 provide immeasurable comfort to you?

Reflect:

Spend some time this week re-thinking the deep truths we see here. How do these four pillars in vv. 11-13 support your faith? Which one is the Spirit directing you to consider more deeply?