



Beginning to Walk - Overview of 2 Timothy

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1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16 ESV

14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-12 ESV

7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

ENDURANCE FOR THE JOURNEY

THE UNLIKELY LEADER

Paul sent one final message to his young friend, entrusting him with the responsibility of moving forward in the mission of God and leading others to do the same. Timothy was an unlikely candidate for this role, for he was “comparatively young”, “prone to illness” (1 Tim 5:23) and “timid by temperment” (2 Tim 1:7). Paul, however, was not calling Timothy to shoulder this weight with his own power, but through the strength of almighty God.

THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS

Paul calls Timothy to endure much for the sake of the Cross. Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection on our behalf and for God’s glory is central to the message of the Gospel. Paul has heralded this message in his many travels, and calls Timothy to do the same, guarding the message from dilution and entrusting it to others who will proclaim it as well.

ENDURANCE HAS A PURPOSE

Throughout 2 Timothy Paul urges his young friend to suffer for the sake of the gospel. Suffering without meaning is pure misery, but Paul encourages him that this is not the case for him. No, like the athlete, farmer or soldier, the suffering he must endure has a glorious purpose indeed.

MY NOTES:

Our Prayer and Hope

The Most Extraordinary Man Who Ever Lived

Why Are We Walking?

Walking On... 2 Timothy Details:

- **Author - Paul**
- **Date - Approximately AD 65**
- **Place of Writing - Roman Prison (likely solitary confinement)**
- **Major Themes:** In 2 Timothy 2 Paul uses the examples of the athlete, the soldier and the farmer to encourage Timothy to *Walk On* in his responsibilities. These professions certainly have their differences, but they also have close similarities. The primary themes of Paul's final letter can be seen in and through these three examples, which will serve as archetypes for this series. These are the themes they exemplify: Courage, Purpose, Suffering, Trust, Dedication, Sacrifice, Patience, Passion, Friendship and Endurance.

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