

**“Stick to the Stuff!”
(2 Timothy 2:1-4)**

Times of challenge and difficulty in serving Christ have always been a reality. Paul’s exhortation to a discouraged Timothy to stay in the fight challenges us to press on. . .

Dependent on God’s Power (1)

- **The Need** for God’s Power

- **The Source** of God’s Power

Deliberate in God’s Plan (2)

- Requires a **Faithful Message**

- Requires **Faithful Men**

Dedicated to God’s Priority (3-4)

- Steadfast in **the Fight**

- Singular in **Focus**

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Who was a favorite teacher of yours that made an impact on you? What are the qualities that made them a good teacher?

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul exhort Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus? What difference does God’s grace make in your life for daily living?
2. What are some of the key biblical teachings that should be built into the life of a new believer in Christ?
3. Paul told Timothy to look for “faithful men” to disciple for Christ. What are some characteristics of this type of a person?
4. Why is the example of a soldier such a fitting analogy for an effective worker for the Lord?

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Each person begin their prayer by thanking God for someone by name who took the time to build Christ into their life.

Digging Deeper

1. Jot down what each of these verses tell us about God’s grace operating in peoples’ lives. – 1 Cor.15:10; Eph.1:6-7; 2:7-9; 3:7-8; 4:7; 2 Cor.9:8; 12:9; Col.4:6; 1 Tim.1:14; 2 Tim.1:9; 2:1; Heb.4:16; 1 Pet.5:5, and 2 Pet.3:18. Recommit to let God’s grace be the source of your strength!
2. What do each of these verses tell us about the meaning of the word “faithful” ? Matt 25:21; 1 Cor 1:9; 4:2, 17; 10:13; 1 Tim 1:12, 15; 4:9; 2 Tim 2:11; Rev 1:5 and 2:10, 13. Evaluate yourself for faithfulness in the Christian life. What is going well, and what needs improvement?
3. Read 2 Tim 1:6-18, jotting down some of the challenges that Timothy may have been facing, which led to Paul’s exhortation in 2 Tim 2:1-4. What challenges are you facing that could tempt you to be discouraged and ineffective for the Lord? How will you meet these challenges head on?