

Faith to the Finish

“Expect Hard Times”

2nd Timothy 2:3-13

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Introduction:

- 2nd Timothy 2:3-13
 - Mark 4:16-17
 - The Christian life is really hard ... BUT ... It is really worth it!
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1. The Pictures of Endurance:

a. 2nd Timothy 2:7

b. 2nd Timothy 2:3-6

i. 2nd Timothy 2:3 – Soldier – Acts 28:16

1. 2nd Timothy 2:3 – Greek – Hupomone ... English – Endure ... “To remain under – To stay at your post ... To stand your ground ... To Hold the Line.”

2. “Crawling is acceptable ... Falling is acceptable ... Puking is acceptable ... Crying is acceptable ... Pain is acceptable ... QUITTING is NOT!”

3. Owen Baggett - Picture

ii. 2nd Timothy 2:5 – Athlete

1. Paul uses athletic images several times: Galatians 2:2 ... 1st Corinthians 9:26 ... Ephesians 6:12 ... 1st Corinthians 4:9 ... Philippians 3:13-14

2. 2nd Timothy 2:5

3. Christians ought to expect difficulty: 1st Peter 4:12 ... 2nd Timothy 3:12

iii. 2nd Timothy 2:6 - The Farmer:

1. Greek – Kopiao ... English – Hardworking ... Picture - “Sweat, Struggle, Bent Back, Muscle Strain, Exhaustion.”

2. Romans 16:6 ... 1st Timothy 5:17 ... 2nd Corinthians 6:5.

2. The Purpose of Endurance:

a. 2nd Timothy 2:4-6 ... Soldier, Athlete and the Farmer.

b. 2nd Timothy 2:8-13 ... Three Reasons for Persevering:

i. You become more like Jesus – 2nd Timothy 2:8 ... John 15:20 ... James 1:2-4

ii. You bring people to Christ – 2nd Timothy 2:9-10

iii. You save your seat with Jesus – 2nd Timothy 2:11-13

1. This was a hymn known to the Apostles and First Century readers:

a. First Stanza – “If we died with Him.” - Romans 6:4

b. Second Stanza – “If we endure.”

c. Third Stanza – “If we disown” – Matthew 10:33

d. Fourth Stanza – “If we are faithless.” – Mark 9:24 ... 1st John 1:9

c. The main point of the hymn: God sticks by those who stick by Him.

d. 2nd Timothy 2:12



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