

# Final Thoughts

## 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Part 3 – a Strategy for Strength!

God's strategy for a strong life

Position your heart to be continually STURDY! vs. 1

'Be Strong' = be REGULARLY empowered

'In the grace of Jesus' = tapping into SPIRITUAL strength

Position your hands to pass on the BATON of faith vs. 2

'entrust' = DEPOSIT into the mind and heart of another

'to faithful men, to faithful men' = SEVERAL generations

Position your mind to STAND in the midst of pushback vs. 3-6

The focus of a soldier pleasing your RECRUITER

The discipline of an athlete playing within His RULES

The patience of a farmer patient in the PROCESS

Position your schedule to review your RENEWAL plan vs. 7

'consider' = sit down and CONTEMPLATE

'understanding' = God will REVEAL the way

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – January 29, 2023

**2 Timothy 2:1** *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

### DISCOVER

1. Who poured faith into your life? Who has God used to help you develop spiritual strength? Is there someone who is currently doing this in your life?
2. Is there someone you are pouring your faith into? Are you doing this casually or intentionally? Have you seen an impact on that person's life?
3. Do you ever wish you had more spiritual strength? Have you faced a situation lately that has tested your spiritual energy and stamina? Are you in such a circumstance now?

### EXPLORE

1. Paul's first instruction to Timothy in this chapter is to be strong in faith and life. This word is in the passive tense which means it could be read 'continually be empowered'. What does this tell you about God's plan for gaining strength?
2. Read verse 2. We need to be strong so we can pass along our faith to others. Notice Paul wants us to impact the next two generations of believers. He says to entrust sound faith to faithful men who are able to pass faith along to others. We are to be spiritual parents and grandparents. How does this impact our thinking?
3. Read 3-6. Paul now instructs Timothy to be strong when going through hardships. He gives three metaphors as examples. What are these three metaphors and how do they each relate to staying empowered during hardships?

### EXPERIENCE

1. Are you actively a student of your spiritual life? In verse 7 Paul tells Timothy to consider what he is saying. 'Consider' refers to stopping and contemplating something. A few weeks ago we talked about being a student of our own spiritual strength. Are you conscious of your level of spiritual strength in living out God's plan for your life?
2. How do you personally routinely tap into God's power to be renewed in His strength? Is there something in your life keeping you from doing this regularly?

### PRAY

*Pray... Father, Paul wrote Timothy a challenging letter and call to action. We need to be strong in faith and regularly renewed with Your power. Show me how to tap into your power each day. Help me to have the focus of a soldier, the discipline of an athlete, and the patience of a farmer. Help me to develop a routine of considering my spiritual status so I can be as effective as you desire me to be. Amen.*