

Willing to Endure Anything - Week 3

Q. How do you honestly know how much you love Jesus Christ?

A. By what you are willing to do and endure for Him.
2 Timothy 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 11:24-27; 2 Timothy 1:15

Q. What made Paul so willing to endure anything for Jesus Christ?

A. Great gratitude for the miracle Jesus had done in his life. Great gratitude for great mercy produces great love.
1 Timothy 1:12-16; 2 Timothy 1:11-12

A. Convicting clarity about what it truly means to follow Christ. *2 Timothy 2:1-7*

***How you see your life shapes your life! How you define life determines your destiny.* - Rick Warren**

Paul uses 3 “Life Metaphor’s” for Timothy

1) Be a dedicated soldier for Christ because life is a battle worth fighting and suffering in to secure victories for Christ. *Ephesians 6:11-12*

2) Be a disciplined athlete because life is a competition worth following the rules to win people for Christ.
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

3) Be a diligent farmer because life is a spiritual field you have to work hard in to harvest souls from.
Matthew 9:36-38

Paul was willing to endure anything because of how He saw Jesus. How you see Jesus shapes how you serve Jesus. *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Top 7 Truths to remember when the going gets tough:

- 1. Jesus Christ rose from the dead** - *1 Corinthians 15:3-5*
- 2. The Word of God cannot be chained** - *Hebrews 4:12*
- 3. If we die with Him we will live with Him** - *John 11:25*
- 4. If we endure hardship, we will reign with Him** - *2 Cor. 4:8-9*
- 5. If we deny Him, He will deny us** - *Matthew 10:32-33*
- 6. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful** - *2 Timothy 4:17-18*
- 7. Jesus cannot deny who He is** - *Hebrews 13:8*

People who love Jesus teach others to love Jesus too! They stay focused on what matters most and refused to get tied up in trivial pursuits. *2 Timothy 2:2; 2 Timothy 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:10*

Next week’s message: Do Work: God’s Guide To Living For Him with Others

Life Applications Questions:

- How in love are you with Jesus right now? Is there something you feel He is asking you to give up because you love Him more than anyone else?
- Review the 3 ways Paul told Timothy to see himself. Which of those ways do you honestly live now? Are you willing to become more like an athlete, farmer or soldier?
- Review the 7 truths (from above) we need to remember when the going gets tough. How would remembering those sustain you? What are you enduring now that you need prayer for?