

# 2 Timothy -- The Last Words of the Apostle Paul

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## 2 Timothy 1:15-2:7 (NIV)

*1:15 You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.*

*16 May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. 17 On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. 18 May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.*

*2:1 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.*

## Strong in Grace

### OPEN

- Who are (or have been) your models of faithfulness and why?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:15-2:7.

### STUDY

- In 1:15-18, we see different responses to Paul's imprisonment. Compare and contrast those two responses and what that says, or doesn't say, about their faith.
- What might Paul say about your faith right now?
- What action verbs does Paul use to motivate Timothy in 2:1-3?
- How would these encouragements be appropriate following the examples Paul has just given in the previous verses?
- What is at risk if he doesn't follow through? Explain.
- What is it about a soldier, athlete, and farmer that Paul wants Timothy to emulate? Make a list!
- Which of the three analogies is most relatable to you? Why?
- As per verse 7, spend a few moments silently reflecting on what Paul is saying in this passage. Then discuss together what **challenge** and what **encouragement** you would like to continue reflecting on and living into this week.

### PRAY

- Pray together for further "insight into all this".