

Sun Morning

# INSIDE OUT TESTIMONY

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**Text:** 2 Timothy 2:1-4

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:1-4)

## INTRODUCTION

- Timothy spiritual son of Paul (16:1-3)
- Paul first meets Paul in Lystra (Acts 16)
- Timothy frequently traveled with Paul

**Quote:** "We will not handle the pressure from with out unless we have the strength of Christ from within."

**Quote:** "We're entering a period of massive social change."  
- Daniel Lichter

## 1. AN INWARD Strength (v. 1)

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."  
(Ephesians 6:10)

**Quote:** "Be strong, relying on the grace which the Lord Jesus only can impart."

A. The strength of Grace grace = divine favor  
= divine ability

### SAVING GRACE

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"  
(Romans 3:24)

### SANCTIFYING GRACE

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" (Titus 2:11-12)

B. The supply of Grace from Holy Spirit  
GRACE TO STAND spiritually

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1-2)

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10)

## GRACE TO SERVE God

"And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" (Hebrews 12:27-28)

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;" (1 Timothy 1:12)

## GRACE FOR SUFFERING spiritually or physically

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, That the everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; And to them that have no might he increaseth strength." (Isaiah 40:28-29)

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

## 2. AN OUTWARD Message (v. 2) tell others

**Quote:** "Without a test—there is no testimony."

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13)

### A. The Truth Must Be committed - invest in Christians

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:19)

#### IN OUR HOMES

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (2 Timothy 1:5)

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15)

#### FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE public

"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house," (Acts 20:20)

**Quote:** "The only alternative to soul winning is disobedience."

### B. The Process Must Be continued - pass on your faith

#### IDENTIFY FAITHFUL MEN

- want to have crown, & not the cross?  
- Bible teaches take up your cross & follow Jesus

#### INVEST IN THEIR LIVES SPIRITUALLY

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:13)

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#### INVOLVE

### 3. AN UPWARD Testimony (v. 3-4)

#### A. An enduring Stand

##### AN EXHORTATION - ENDURE HARDNESS

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12)

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Timothy 4:5)

THE EXAMPLE - compared to soldier in military

#### B. A separated Stand

##### SOME ARE ENTANGLED IN MATERIAL DISTRACTION

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (1 Peter 5:7-9)

##### SOME ARE ENTANGLED IN CULTURAL COMPROMISE

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 1:3)

#### C. A sensitive Stand - pleasing to God

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10)

**Quote:** "Success is a moving target, but leadership is a fixed goal and Jesus is the goal."

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak: not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

#### CONCLUSION

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