

Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - 2 Timothy

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Jeff delved into the powerful teachings from 2 Timothy, focusing on the themes of endurance, faith, and the transformative power of God's Word. The message reminded us of the importance of keeping the faith amidst trials, the critical role of Scripture and the Holy Spirit in our spiritual growth, and how to live out our faith in a world that often challenges our beliefs.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Make It Practical:

Keeping the Faith and Enduring Hardship:

- Emphasized through verses like 2 Timothy 4:7 ("I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith") and 2 Timothy 2:3 ("You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ").
- Encourages believers to remain steadfast in their faith and to persevere through challenges.

The Role of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God:

- Highlighted in passages such as 2 Timothy 1:7 ("God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, of love and a sound mind") and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ("All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness").
- Stresses the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit and Scripture for guidance, strength, and instruction.

Living Out the Faith in a Challenging World:

- Discussed in verses like 2 Timothy 4:2 ("Preach the Word!") and 2 Timothy 2:24-26 (urging gentleness, patience, and humility in correcting those who oppose the truth).
- Focuses on the practical aspects of living a Christian life, including preaching the Gospel, maintaining sound doctrine, and engaging with others in a Christ-like manner.

Talk About It

Enduring Hardship and Keeping the Faith:

• In what ways can we support each other in "fighting the good fight" and "finishing the race" as described in 2 Timothy 2:3 and 2:10?

The Role of Scripture and the Holy Spirit:

• According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, how does Scripture equip us for every good work? Can you share a personal experience where Scripture provided guidance or correction in your life?

<u>Living Out Our Faith in Challenging Times:</u>

• Reflect on 2 Timothy 2:24-26. How can we embody gentleness, patience, and humility when engaging with those who oppose our beliefs?

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

PSAI M 119:89

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for our time together and for the wisdom found in Your Word. Help us to keep the faith, endure hardships, and live out Your teachings with power, love, and a sound mind. Guide us to be gentle, patient, and faithful, and equip us for every good work. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Growth Track kicks off on Sunday! Is there anyone in your Group who hasn't done Growth Track yet? Encourage them to sign-up! https://victorychurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2078215