

Preaching Cohort Reminders:

1. The entire Bible is about Jesus
2. People change by grace, not by law
3. The preacher's validation is in the finished work of Christ, not in performance.

Paul's charge to Timothy (and Titus):

“Teach what is in accordance with sound doctrine” (Titus)

“This charge I entrust to you...wage good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience.”

“preach the word, be ready in season and out of season...”

“Guard the deposit entrusted to you...”

“Remember Jesus Christ...”

To endure suffering with hope, we need to focus our hearts and our minds on things that will last: on God’s faithfulness, and on God himself.

Romans 1:2-4 ESV

[the gospel]...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:9-10 ESV

Reminder #2-

Spreading the gospel message will involve suffering; but that suffering leads to future and eternal glory, which exalts Jesus!



Children look at a church vandalized by an angry Muslim mob in Jaranwala. (K.M. Chaudary/AP)

2 Timothy 2:11-13 ESV

The saying is trustworthy, for:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Matthew 10:32–33 ESV

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:38 ESV**

Acts 3:14-15 ESV

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

1 John 2:22–23 ESV

Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

2 Timothy 2:13 ESV

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Serving without Sinking-

(Wrongs views of God and of serving God)

1. A servant is who you have to be (you put pressure on yourself)
2. God demands you to be a servant, otherwise he is not going to bless you
3. A servant is who you are, it is your glory and pride.
4. A servant is who you would like people to notice you are, but they don't; so you're bitter.

Jonathan Hindley concludes,

“We are not slaves instead of being sons of God. We are not slaves in order to earn the right to become sons. We are sons who are friends of God, who are happy to serve our Master.”

Why? Because even in our imperfect faith or our frail service, He cannot deny himself!