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**Committed To Jesus Christ**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2: 8-13**  
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It's been over 5 years since Paul writes to Timothy, and so, he writes with a sense of urgency because he knows death is at hand. Paul tries to encourage Timothy by giving him a pep talk. He tells Timothy he must ingest the word of God before he can share it with others. He must train and work hard because his calling is much too important to be ill-prepared to preach, teach and share the word.

**1. The Gospel Must Go Forth**

Remember the gospel. Don't let anyone turn you away from it. Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead. He was raised and is still living. Remember the gospel. Don't let others cause you to forget what you already know about the gospel.

There are erroneous teachings in the world today, and we have a responsibility to encourage believers of Christ to remember and follow the *real* gospel. Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead.

There may be those who may not want to hear the gospel, but preach it regardless. They will seek people who will tell them what they want to hear, but we must preach it anyway.

The gospel may be boring and repetitive but it's what saved us. The gospel does not focus on what the Lord will do, rather what He has already done sacrificially. He lived, died, and was raised from the dead.

While in prison, Paul said, I may be chained but the gospel is not constrained or contained or restrained. The gospel is being preached, souls are being saved, and lives are changed.

Although Paul was in prison, he preached the gospel to the guards and through his letters. The Gospel goes forward even though he was in prison. Paul says, I am under constant guard, locked in chains, and bound by a jail cell; nonetheless the word will go forth.

The gospel will go forward regardless of what happens to the messengers. If you keep on talking about Jesus, somebody will listen. If somebody will listen, then we have the assignment to tell the story.

Paul took the opportunity to talk about Jesus with each prison guard and as the shifts changed Paul continued to talk about Jesus until the guards began to talk about Jesus.

### **1. I Will Suffer So Others Can Be Saved**

Paul's suffering is not without purpose and reward. His suffering is not for pain, rather it's to see that souls are saved.

Paul writes Timothy during his second prison sentence with a sense of urgency because the gospel is too important to keep it silent. Souls must be saved because of the teaching and telling of the gospel.

Are we like Paul? If so, how much would we suffer to make sure souls would be saved?

### **3. Paul Is Committed To Jesus Because Jesus Is Faithful.**

*Conversion* - If we die with him, we shall live with him. Through the resurrection we are given life now and forever.

*Perseverance* - If we endure; we will reign with him. Hold your ground. The reward is the reign or sharing the victory with Jesus Christ.

*Apostasy* - If we deny him, he will deny us. Apostasy is abandonment in the belief in Jesus Christ.

*Promise* - If we are unfaithful, he is faithful. In spite of our inconsistencies and contradictions, Jesus is still faithful.

Peter denied Jesus three times, yet Jesus received him. How do we know, because Jesus asked Peter if you love me, feed my sheep three times? But then, we know because Jesus says come follow me. In spite of the misdeeds and shortcomings of Peter, Jesus told Peter to follow Him.

Great is thy faithfulness...