

Taking the Risk
II Timothy 2:1-26
11/1/11

- I. A Look Back – Vs. 1
 - A. You then, my son...
 - 1. Based on what came before
 - a. Sincere _____
 - b. God's _____ and _____
 - c. Christ has destroyed _____
 - d. Positive and negative _____
 - e. The spirit God has given
 - B. Exhortation – Vv. 1-13
 - 1. To Christian _____
- II. A Word About Hardship – Vv. 1-7
 - A. Be Strong and Pass it On – Vv. 1-2
 - 1. In the grace that is *in Christ Jesus*
 - 2. Passing the spiritual baton
 - 3. Exhortation
 - B. Three Images – Vv. 3-7
 - 1. Military – Vv. 3-4
 - a. Endure hardship
 - b. Single-minded purpose
 - c. Disciplined obedience

2. Athletic – Vs. 5
 - a. Keep the rules

3. Agricultural – Vs. 6
 - a. Work hard

 - b. Reward

4. Reflect on these things – Vs. 7
 - a. God will give you understanding

III. Reasons for Enduring Hardship – Vv. 8-13

A. Remembering Jesus Christ – Vv. 8-10

1. From analogy to history

2. God's Word is not chained

3. For the sake of the elect
 - a. Therefore

 - b. What about election

B. Trustworthy Saying – Vv. 11-13

1. Dying with Christ

2. Endurance

3. Disown

4. Faithful

C. Picturing the First Readers

1. Access to spiritual help and encouragement

IV. False Teachers and Teaching – Vv. 14-19

A. Quarrelling – Vs. 14

1. Keep reminding them
2. Quarrelling

B. Not So With Timothy – Vs. 15

1. Do your best
2. Ashamed
3. Rightly dividing or correctly handling

C. Back to the False Teachers – Vv. 16-18

1. Godless chatter
2. Hymenaeus
3. Teaching about the resurrection
 - a. Already taken place
 - b. Importance of a future bodily resurrection

D. Nevertheless – Vs. 19

1. God's foundation is secure

V. Household Imagery – Vv. 20-21

A. The Analogy

1. Different utensils

B. The Point

1. Don't be like the _____ false teachers
2. Commit yourself

VI. Personal Advice on Handling Controversy – Vv. 22-26

A. Flee and Pursue – Vs. 22

1. Flee _____

2. Pursue _____, _____, _____, and _____

B. Stupid Arguments – Vv. 23-26

1. Worse than “godless chatter”

C. Gentleness – Vv. 24-26

1. Not only with believers, but also with those who oppose Christ

2. Paul is not arguing for passivity

VII. Conclusion: Some Encouragement and Motivation for Us

A. Enduring Hardship

1. Persecution and other trials

2. Some encouragement

a. *You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

b. *Here is a trustworthy saying:*

*If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
If we endure,
we will also reign with him.*

*If we are faithless,
he will remain faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.*

c. *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel*

