



“Strong with Jesus”
2 Timothy 2:1-13

Famous last words. Some are better known than others. Mel Blanc, the voice of many cartoon characters had printed on his tombstone, “That’s All folks.” One person with a sense of humor had written, “It’s dark down here.” What would be your final words to people around you, and how can we encourage people, even when our time is at an end?

KEY VERSE: *“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:1).*

2 Timothy are the last recorded words we have from Paul. He is in prison again. This time in a dark, dank cell in Rome, with no hope of release. He knows his life is about to end, and at the end his thoughts go out to his young disciple Timothy who is now pastoring the church in Ephesus. At the end his encouragement to Timothy, and to us is to “stand strong with Jesus.”

Be Strong in God’s _____

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”

2 Timothy 2:1-2

God’s grace keeps me _____

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.

How have I seen God’s power at work in my weakness?

How aware, reliant am I upon God’s grace in my life?

Be Strong in God’s _____

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything” 2 Timothy 2:3-7

God’s grace _____ me to serve

Be Strong in God’s _____

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 2 Timothy 2:8-9

God has given you the power to _____

Am I thriving, or just surviving with Jesus? Why? What’s missing for me?

Read Ephesians 1:19,20.

How can the truth of this verse, change my perspective, and my outlook on where I may be struggling?

This week

- Take the time to thank God for the strength that comes from his grace.
- Pray for one person to whom you can encourage to stand strong with Jesus in the grace that has been given.
- Ask God, “Is there one person that you would have me walk alongside?”