



**EPISODE 10: 2 TIMOTHY**  
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**INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT**

	Author	Date	Recipient	Place of Writing
2 Timothy	Paul	64-67	Timothy in Ephesus	Rome

**I. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?**

- a. Second Timothy is a bold, clear call for perseverance in the gospel in spite of suffering. Paul calls on his young coworker to continue the fight of faith, even as Paul approaches the end of his own life.<sup>1</sup>

**II. WHAT IS POWERFUL (DOCTRINE)?**

- a. **SUFFERING 2:1-13: ...** <sup>3</sup> *Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus ...*  
<sup>8</sup> *Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:*  
<sup>12</sup> *if we have died with him, we will also live with him;*  
<sup>12</sup> *if we endure, we will also reign with him;*  
*if we deny him, he also will deny us;*  
<sup>13</sup> *if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*
- b. **SCRIPTURE (3:14-17):** <sup>14</sup> *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

<sup>1</sup> Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 2335). Crossway Bibles.

*Key Themes*

1. Suffering is a standard part of Christian experience.	1:8, 12; 2:3, 9; 3:11–12; 4:5, 14–18
2. The Christian response to suffering is faithful perseverance by God's power.	1:8; 2:1, 11–13; 4:1–8
3. The gospel is the ground for the Christian's endurance.	1:9–11; 2:8–10
4. The Scriptures have power to save and preserve.	2:15; 3:15–17; 4:1–2
5. True believers will persevere; failure to persevere proves one is not converted.	2:11–13, 19; 3:14; 4:7, 10
6. False teaching is deadly and must be dealt with firmly.	2:16–18, 23–26; 3:1–9; 4:3–5 <sup>2</sup>

**I. WHAT IS POETIC?-- THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE:**

- a. <sup>6</sup> *For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.* (4:6–8)
- b. See also the Hymn of Christ's Suffering (2:11-13)

**II. WHAT IS PERSONAL?**

- a. Personal Instructions (4:9–22)
- i. 1. He asks that Timothy come as soon as possible (4:9): <sup>9</sup> ***Do your best to come to me soon. ... <sup>21</sup> Do your best to come before winter.***
  - ii. He asks that Timothy bring Mark with him (4:11).
  - iii. He has sent Tychicus to Ephesus (4:12).
  - iv. Paul requests three things. (4:13):
    1. His cloak (4:13a).
    2. His study books and Old Testament scrolls (4:13b)
    3. His writing materials (4:13c).
  - v. Paul's Final Sorrow (4:10, 16)
    1. Demas has forsaken him (4:10).
    2. His Roman friends have forsaken him (4:16).
  - vi. Paul's Final Song of Praise (4:17–18)
    1. God has delivered him from the mouth of the lion (4:17–18a).
    2. God will deliver him to the Kingdom of Heaven (4:18b).
  - vii. His Final Greetings (4:19–22).

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