February 21, 2016 Sermon Lesson 5 2 Timothy 2:1-7 Perseverance By Grace Through Suffering

Main Idea: We must persevere in Gospel suffering by means of God's grace.

- Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (1)
- Commit what you have heard to faithful men (2)
- Share in suffering and reward (3)

Examples:

- \Rightarrow Soldier: Don't be entangled by the affairs of life (4)
- \Rightarrow Athlete: Compete by the rules (5)
- ⇒ Farmer: Receive the firstfruits of your hard labor (6)
- Think over what I say! (7)
 - ⇒ The Lord will give you understanding in everything

Applications

Am I trusting in God's grace today for acceptance with God?

Am I doing my part to train the next generation of believers in my family, and in my church?

Am I ready for suffering?

Am I preoccupied with "stuff"?

Am I living by the law of Christ—loving my brother?

Am I enjoying the fruit of my labors in Christ?