

## LIKE GOOD SOLDIERS OF CHRIST JESUS

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Key Verse: 2:3

1. How did Paul exhort Timothy? (1) Why? (1:8,15-17) Describe Jesus' grace and how it makes us strong? (1:9-10) Explain what "reliable" and "qualified" mean (3:10; Mt 24:45-46). Why does "entrusting" empower "reliable people"? (2; 1:13)
2. What was Paul's conviction regarding Timothy? (3) Comparing translations: "endure hardship with us" (NIV 1984), "join with me in suffering" (NIV 2011), "share in suffering" (ESV; the Greek has no pronoun), what do we learn about life as a gospel worker?
3. Compare a gospel worker to a soldier, a farmer and an athlete, including their challenges and goals? (4-6) Share any personal insight the Lord has given you recently (7).
4. Consider the things Paul encouraged Timothy to remember and how they encourage us in the midst of hardships (8,9,10; 1). What does the trustworthy saying teach us about God and our response to his calling? (11-13)