

## Generations Part 2

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### 2 Timothy 2:1-10

This is the last sermon in our series, "Who we R". Next week we start back up in the Gospel of John, titled "We Need to Talk, an in depth conversation about the Believing Life", pulls his disciples aside and prepares them for life in light of his imminent death.

In our text this morning, the Apostle Paul is doing the same for his "son of the faith", Timothy.

Review.

Who are we? **We are a family**

**Family values- Loving, Welcoming, Faithful & Fruitful**

4 "fors" **We exist for people / We exist for people to find Jesus / We exist for people to follow Jesus / We exist for Jesus**

**We are a family who exist for people to find and follow Jesus!**

### "Generations" part 2

Our question last week was this; How do we live our lives in a way that we can say at the end of life, **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"**?

**-By being a family who exists for people to find and follow Jesus**

Why? Because Jesus existed for people to find and follow him and we follow Jesus.

**"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10**

Paul existed for people to find and follow Jesus **Read vs. 10**, and now, he's teaching Timothy to do the same.

**This is my prayer &** my aim for this series and our church... individually and collectively our goals, our priorities, our mission, our investments, our existence, and in response, our decisions would align to this end... **for people to find and follow Jesus.**

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Prophetic Vision that ended in heaven-I know it was from Jesus because it all came true, so far except the last part, because I'm still here... I was praying about moving to Vegas from Maui to help plant a church.

Words can barely describe it... an overwhelming feeling of gratitude that people were there because of me. Humbled and filled with praise at the same time. It was unbelievable.

Paul's first imperative to Timothy after he re-aligns him to his Godly calling... to live for spiritual grandchildren.

### **Read Vs. 1-2**

**"And this is the noblest and best life; for in him who has it God Himself dwells with all goodness. So how could there be a better life?" Theologia Germanica**

**BUT, we may need to re-align what this "best life" looks like.**

Last week I ended asking these questions... How do I start? What do I do? What does it look like to live this type of life? Ready to hear what this "best and noblest life" looks like? Here's what you need to know...

### **Read Vs. 3**

#### **#1. You will suffer**

- How we suffer? By way of disappointment & discouragement.
- Like soldiers, like this weekend, we remember and honor people who gave their lives for our freedom, we loose people.
- When we want what's best for someone more than they do.

"In the world you will have tribulation." Tribulation: trouble involving direct suffering<sup>1</sup>

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

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<sup>1</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [\*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains\*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 242). New York: United Bible Societies.

**Read Vs. 4**

**#2. You will get distracted**

*"A soldier obeys his commander, Jesus, in all things without being distracted by the world around him" Pastor Paul*

*-His aim is to please the one who enlisted him. When we grow as a Christian, our 'aim' is to move from pleasing ourselves and others, to pleasing God. We move from selfish to selfless, we serve others NOT to be man-pleasers, for mens approval and affirmation, but are free to serve others to please God!*

**Read Vs. 5**

**#3. It takes obedience**

*-Don't disqualify yourself from the game! Not perfection, but direction.  
"An athlete can only compete if he follows the rules. We must obey the Word of God." Pastor Paul*

**Read vs. 6**

**#4. It's hard work**

*-There is an intentional investment.  
"The farmer works long and difficult hours, hoping for a good harvest. We must not be lazy in our work for the Lord if we expect a good harvest." Pastor Paul*

*He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:8-9*

**APPLICATION**

How do I start? It's not a church program, it's a lifestyle.

**-How do you train a horse? Which one?**

**Read vs. 7**

**#1. Invite** people into your life. Have them over for dinner, grab coffee, lunch, meet at a park, invite them for a hike, and Share your story with them.

**#2. Listen.**

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2a. To the person When you ask them about their life, listen. Be present. Don't come with a preset agenda of what this person needs!

2b. To the Spirit. Listen to the Spirit!

-Home visit. She shared her life with me. I am grateful! There was one thing she said that I felt a tug from the spirit and I have been praying for her since.

### #3. Pray

Pray for how to help this person grow in following Jesus.

Pray for them.

### #4. Invest

Begin to walk with this person, which involves time, energy and focus.

-OPEN GOD'S WORD! **Read Vs. 9B, "But the word of God is not bound!"**

### #5. Hold Accountable

Follow up. It's NOT holding their feet to the fire! Don't shame people towards obedience! Instead, do as Paul does.

### Read VS. 8

Gospel centered discipleship!

***Example-Silas' testimony***

How do we live our lives in a way that we can say at the end of life, **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"**

### What you need to know.

**You will suffer, You will get distracted, It takes obedience, It's hard work.**

### How you start.

**Invite, Listen, Pray, Invest, and Hold Accountable**

**Be a family who exist for people to find and follow Jesus!**

### Communion