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A Resilient Sufferer (2 Tim. 2:3-13)

Introduction

Why does following Christ feel so hard?

The pattern: suffering first, glory later...

1. The Call to Endure (vv. 3–6)

The three pictures...

The Soldier: Single-Minded Devotion (vv. 3–4)

The Athlete: Disciplined Obedience (v. 5)

The Farmer: Patient Perseverance (v. 6)

The Way to Understanding (v. 7)

2. Remember Jesus Christ (v. 8)

- raised from the dead
- descended from David

3. The Gospel Cannot Be Bound (vv. 9–10)

- the unstoppable power of the gospel
- the mission of God

4. The Reward and Warning of Endurance (vv. 11–13)

Application and Conclusion: Living as Those Who Endure

- Be willing to share in suffering
- Don't lose your nerve by constantly remembering Jesus
- What Endurance Looks Like Practically

The Greater Endurer

Hebrews 12:1-2 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

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Conclusion: The Call to Endure

if we endure, we will also reign with him