



WEEK 2 | NICK CARNES | JANUARY 24, 2026

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

A simple guide for sharing your testimony:

1. What my life was like _____ following Jesus
2. The moment I realized I _____ Jesus | *What happened?*
3. What my life is like _____ following Jesus

1 Timothy 1:12-17 I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry—¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I received mercy because I acted out of ignorance in unbelief,¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them.¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life.¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Paul Teaches Us:

1. We are never _____ for God

Isaiah 59:1 Indeed, the Lord’s arm is not too weak to save, and his ear is not too deaf to hear.

2. God can _____ you, _____ you
3. Christian aren’t known by a _____ of sin (vs 14-16)

1 Timothy 1:18-20 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

Proverbs 4:23-27 Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life. Don't let your mouth speak dishonestly, and don't let your lips talk deviously. ²⁵ Let your eyes look forward; fix your gaze straight ahead. ²⁶ Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established. ²⁷ Don't turn to the right or to the left; keep your feet away from evil.

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
2. The sermon defined a Christian testimony as what life was like before Christ, how we realized we needed Christ, and what life is like after Christ. *Which of those three parts do you find easiest to share—and which is hardest? Why do you think that is?*
3. Paul says he was formerly a blasphemer, persecutor, and arrogant man (1 Tim. 1:13). *Why is it important that Paul does not let his past sins define his present identity? How does this challenge the way you view your own past or the past of others?*
4. The sermon emphasized that no one is too sinful for God to save or use. *Is there a person or group of people you struggle to believe God could truly transform? What does Paul's testimony say to that struggle?*
5. Paul calls Timothy to fight the good fight by holding onto faith and a good conscience. *What are some ways a Christian today can lose a good conscience or "shipwreck" their faith? What practical steps help protect against that?*
6. The sermon connected spiritual warfare to false teaching and to compromised character. *How do thoughts, habits, or private compromises affect our effectiveness as Christians? Which of these areas do you most need to guard right now?*
7. The sermon challenged believers to commit to sharing their testimony. *Who is one person in your life who might be impacted by hearing your story of what Jesus has done for you? What's one step you could take this week toward sharing it?*