



## WEEK 16 | NICK CARNES

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

**2 Timothy 2:1-2** You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**2 Timothy 2:3-4** Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer.

**Christians must be** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Timothy 2:5** Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

**Christians don't get to play by their** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Timothy 2:6-7** The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

**Christians have to get out of the** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sometimes faith is** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 2:8-10** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and descended from David, according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer to the point of being bound like a criminal. But the word of God is not bound. <sup>10</sup> This is why I endure all things for the elect: so that they also may obtain salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

**2 Timothy 2:11-13** This saying is trustworthy: For if we died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

**Ephesians 1:13-14** In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. <sup>14</sup> The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.

**Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!**

## 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 any new insights?
2. Paul tells Timothy to *be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*. What does it practically look like to rely on Jesus' grace instead of your own strength, ability, or performance?
3. The sermon emphasized the phrase "*Don't ring the bell.*" What are some situations or struggles that tempt Christians to quit, withdraw, or compromise in their faith? How can other believers help us endure?
4. The soldier illustration highlighted being "singularly focused" on pleasing the commanding officer. What are some "civilian entanglements" or distractions that most commonly pull Christians away from wholehearted devotion to Jesus?
5. The athlete illustration focused on obedience and integrity. Why is it important that Christians not only desire the right outcome, but also pursue Christ in the right way? Where are people most tempted to take shortcuts spiritually?
6. The farmer illustration emphasized patience and long-term faithfulness. Can you think of a time when you had to trust God before seeing any visible "fruit"? What helped you continue faithfully during that season?
7. Paul endured suffering so that others "may obtain salvation." How does remembering the gospel and eternity help give purpose to present suffering, sacrifice, or hardship in our lives?