



WEEK 22 | NICK CARNES

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

2 Timothy 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom:

2 Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching. ³ For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴ They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

_____ ministers are needed for an _____ generation

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 4:5-8 But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing.

Christians are called to be _____ to make a _____

2 Timothy 4:9-22 Make every effort to come to me soon, ¹⁰ because Demas has deserted me, since he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he is useful to me in the ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, as well as the scrolls, especially the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did great harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works.

¹⁵ Watch out for him yourself because he strongly opposed our words. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one stood by me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that I might fully preach the word and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen. ¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus has remained at Corinth; I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. ²¹ Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. ²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

_____ **ministry comes with** _____ **scars**

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 charged Timothy to minister with urgency because Christ will return and judge the living and the dead (vs. 1). How does remembering Christ's return and our accountability before Him change the way we live, serve, and prioritize our daily lives? What areas of your life need a greater sense of eternal urgency?
3. Paul commanded Timothy to "preach the word" and be ready "in season and out of season" (vs. 2). In today's culture, where do you see people replacing biblical truth with ideas that simply make them feel good? What practical steps can you take to become more grounded in Scripture so you're prepared to speak the truth with both courage and patience?
4. Paul instructed Timothy to exercise self-control, endure hardship, evangelize, and fulfill his ministry (vs. 5). Which of these four commands challenges you the most right now? What is one practical step you can take this week to faithfully fulfill the ministry God has entrusted to you?
5. Paul was able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (vs. 7). If your life ended today, what would you hope people would say about your faithfulness? What changes would help you live so you could one day make Paul's statement with confidence?
6. Paul experienced betrayal, loneliness, opposition, and hardship, yet remained faithful because "the Lord stood with me and strengthened me" (vs. 17). Have you ever experienced disappointment or hurt while serving Christ? How did God sustain you during that season, and how can your experience encourage someone else who is struggling today?