Fan the Flame: A Study of 2nd Timothy

Peace in the Middle of Problems- Part 5

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (ESV)  
8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

John 16:33 (ESV) “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

1. Remember Who we serve!

2 Timothy 2:8 (ESV) Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,

Hebrews 2:18 (ESV) For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

2. Remember the power of God's Word!

2 Timothy 2:8-9 (ESV) 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Isaiah 55:11 (ESV) so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

3. Remember the purpose of our problems!

2 Timothy 2:10 (ESV) Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Acts 4:12 (ESV) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
4. Remember the promise to the faithful and faithless!

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (ESV) 11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

• The first stanza reads: If we have died with him, we will also live with him (2 Timothy 2:11).

Romans 6:11 (ESV) So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

• The second stanza reads: if we endure, we will also reign with him; (2 Timothy 2:12a).

• The third stanza reads: if we deny him, he also will deny us; (2 Timothy 2:12b).

1 John 2:19 (ESV) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

2 John 9 (ESV) Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Matthew 10:33 (ESV) “but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

• The fourth stanza reads: if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. (2 Timothy 2:13).

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.