

2 Timothy — Whiskey & Worship Study Guide

Paul is near the end of his life. He's imprisoned in Rome, largely alone, and knows his death is approaching. His message to Timothy is simple: **Be strong. Guard the truth. Endure hardship. Watch your life. Finish well.**

1. Be Strong When It's Hard

2 Timothy 1

Key Verses: 1:6–8, 12

Focus Areas

- “Fan into flame” the gift God has given you.
- God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power, love, and self-control**.
- Don't be ashamed of Christ.
- Faithfulness requires courage, especially when following Christ costs something.

Men's Group Reflection

- Where are you most tempted to stay quiet about your faith?
- What does spiritual courage look like in your everyday life?
- Where might fear be influencing your decisions more than faith?

Takeaway

Courage isn't the absence of fear. It's choosing faithfulness when fear is present.

2. Guard What Matters

2 Timothy 2

Key Verses: 2:1–3, 15, 22

Focus Areas

- Be strengthened by God's grace.
- Pass what you've learned on to faithful people.
- Think like a soldier: committed and focused.
- Flee what pulls you away from God and pursue righteousness.

Men's Group Reflection

- What distractions or temptations are pulling you away from what matters?
- Who are you intentionally investing in spiritually?
- If you were gone tomorrow, what would you have passed on to the next generation?

Takeaway

A faithful man doesn't just receive the faith—he passes it on.

3. Watch Your Life

2 Timothy 3

Key Verses: 3:14–17

Focus Areas

- Paul warns about people who claim godliness but deny its power.
- Don't simply follow the culture around you.
- Continue in what you've learned.
- Scripture is given by God to teach, correct, train, and equip us.

Men's Group Reflection

- What attitudes described in this chapter do you see becoming normal around us?
- Which ones are you most tempted to let into your own life?
- Do you allow Scripture to **correct** you, or mainly confirm what you already believe?

Takeaway

Don't just watch the culture. Watch yourself. Let God's Word shape and correct you.

4. Finish Well

2 Timothy 4

Key Verses: 4:2, 5–8

Focus Areas

- Stay ready to live out and proclaim the truth.
- Endure hardship.
- Paul's final perspective: **“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”**
- The goal isn't a perfect life. It's a faithful life.

Men's Group Reflection

- What does “finishing well” look like for you?
- What could cause you to drift spiritually over the next 10, 20, or 30 years?
- If you knew you didn't have much time left, what would you change?

Takeaway

The goal isn't simply to start strong. The goal is to remain faithful to the end.

Whiskey & Worship Challenge

1. **Am I being courageous?** Where do I need to stop letting fear control me?
 2. **What am I passing on?** Who am I investing in?
 3. **Am I guarding my life?** What needs to change before it becomes a bigger problem?
 4. **Will I endure?** What am I tempted to quit?
 5. **Will I finish well?** What kind of man do I want to be when my race is nearly over?
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Closing Thought

2 Timothy isn't Paul's advice for having an easier life. It's his challenge to **remain faithful**.

Paul had suffered. He had been imprisoned, rejected, opposed, and abandoned. Yet as he looked toward the end, he could still say:

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

That's the challenge for us.

Not to be perfect.

Not to have everything figured out.

To remain faithful.

Ask God for:

- Courage when we're afraid
- Strength when we're tired
- Wisdom when we're uncertain
- Discipline when we're tempted
- Faithfulness when life gets hard
- The strength to follow Christ all the way to the finish