Introduction
The Battle at Gettysburg – July 1-3, 1863
The Minnesota Monument to the 1st Regiment.

This letter that Paul wrote to Timothy encourages all of us to bring that same courage and dedication to our faith.

Paul wrote to Timothy:

• “Don’t be ashamed to testify about our Lord, but join me in suffering for the Gospel.”
• “Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you.”
• “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”
• “Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

Why should we put our faith on the line at school or at work or in the community? Why should we risk sharing our faith or taking a stand for Christ that may not be popular?

Remember these 3 things.

I. Remember Jesus Christ.
II Timothy 2:8-9
Remember his suffering – his death for our sins and his resurrection.
Remember his authority – He is the Messiah (Christ), He is King and He is Lord.
This is why I am suffering, even to the point of being in chains, but God’s Word is not chained.

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.”
Philippians 1:12-14

II. Remember His People.

II Timothy 2:10

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“Sir, your supreme weapon is killing. My supreme weapon is dying. My sermons are on tapes all over this country. When I die all who listen to my words will know that I died for them. My preaching will speak 10 times louder after you kill me.”

He went on to say to his wife, Elizabeth, “I want to see that a new generation stands up before the Lord – a generation that is not afraid to preach the gospel and possibly die for it. If we can model that, then others will do it, and we will win the victory.”

III. Remember His Promises.

II Timothy 2:11-13

“How will they hear unless someone tells them?” Romans 10:14

Do you want your friends to know Jesus? Then tell them the gospel.
Remember what is at stake – life or death, heaven or hell.
Paul quotes a well-known hymn that contained Biblical truth.

If we died with him, we will also live with him.
If we endure, we will also reign with him.

• “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.” Revelation 2:26
• “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Revelation 3:21

If we disown him (apostasy), he will also disown us.

• “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32-33

If we are faithless (weak in faith), he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Conclusion

Be strong in the Lord.

• Remember Jesus Christ who suffered and died for you.
• Remember his church – the saints who have gone before you and the people who will follow after you.
• Remember his promises – “If we died with him, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him.”