

CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
UNWAVERING FAITH - CALLED TO BE STRONG IN GRACE
MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 10, 2020

SERMON TEXT

YOU THEN, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. 2 AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS. 3 JOIN WITH ME IN SUFFERING, LIKE A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS. 4 NO ONE SERVING AS A SOLDIER GETS ENTANGLED IN CIVILIAN AFFAIRS, BUT RATHER TRIES TO PLEASE HIS COMMANDING OFFICER. 5 SIMILARLY, ANYONE WHO COMPETES AS AN ATHLETE DOES NOT RECEIVE THE VICTOR'S CROWN EXCEPT BY COMPETING ACCORDING TO THE RULES. 6 THE HARDWORKING FARMER SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE CROPS. 7 REFLECT ON WHAT I AM SAYING, FOR THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU INSIGHT INTO ALL THIS.
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

1.) BE STRONG IN GRACE.

"...BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS." 2 TIMOTHY 2:1

IT IS BY GRACE WE ARE SAVED

8 FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD— 9 NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST. EPHESIANS 2:8-9

IT IS BY GRACE WE SHOULD WALK

6 SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, COLOSSIANS 2:6

2.) EQUIP YOUR CHILDREN (PROTEGES) FOR THE FAITH.

"AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE...". 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL GET IN ON THIS AS THE WORD IS PASSED ALONG FROM PARENT TO CHILD. BABIES NOT YET CONCEIVED WILL HEAR THE GOOD NEWS—THAT GOD DOES WHAT HE SAYS.
PSALM 22:30-31

3.) ENDURE HARD TIMES KNOWING, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, VICTORY IS COMING.

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LIFE QUESTIONS

- 1.) WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP (SALVATION) WITH GOD IS BY GRACE?
- 2.) IS THIS PANDEMIC NEGATIVELY IMPACTING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?
 - READ 1 JOHN. READ ONE CHAPTER A DAY (THERE ARE FIVE CHAPTERS).
 - HEAR HOW JOHN WAS OVERWHELMED BY GOD'S LOVE; HOW HE EXPERIENCED RENEWED CONFIDENCE AND HOW JOHN PASSED THIS LOVE TO US THROUGH HIS WRITING.
- 3.) PAUL GIVES US THREE ANALOGIES OF HOW TO ENDURE DURING THIS PANDEMIC:
 - AS A SOLDIER, LISTEN TO THE COMMANDER (GOD)
 - AS AN ATHLETE, COMMIT TO THE RULES OF THE RACE.
 - AS A FARMER, PLANT NOW KNOWING THE HARVEST WILL COME.DEVELOP YOUR PERSONAL STRATEGY FOR EACH OF THESE.