



CELL GUIDE

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Soldier in God's Army

Anchoring on Scripture from 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Elder Lok shared handles on how to prepare ourselves to be effective soldiers in God's army.

Knowing that the end of his life was near, Paul wrote a letter of encouragement to Timothy. In it, he gave Timothy his advice and instructions on how to continue in ministry and leadership. Elder Lok shared 4 key instructions that equips us to live as soldiers in God's army today.

Instructions to Timothy

1. BE STRONG – WITH STRENGTH DRAWN FROM GOD'S GRACE: *"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."* (v.1)

God's grace is sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9) and it is important for us to understand and acknowledge this. But we need to strengthen our relationship with God to know how much grace He has given us.

2. MAKE DISCIPLES: *"Entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others"* (v.2)

We need to press on in our journey of discipleship and in making FAST disciples of others. The qualities of a FAST disciple are: Faithful, Available, Submissive, and Teachable. While we do not know what the future holds – for ourselves and for the people whom we meet and invest our lives in – are we willing to continue making disciples?

3. ENDURE HARDSHIP: *"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus."* (v.4)

Paul knew that he was handing over a ministry that was not easy. We should not expect an easy ride as a soldier of God, but as a child of God, we have the assurance that God is with us and His grace is enough. Hence, it is important to have discipline in our journey with God because it strengthens us.

4. ENSURE NO ENTANGLEMENT: *“No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs.” (v.5)*

It is important for us to fix our minds on the things we are called to do, and cut ties with anything that can entangle us. (1 John 2:26, 3:7)

Conclusion

In conclusion, as Christians, we should focus on serving God and remember why we do so. In 2 Timothy 2:4, Paul wrote that: “No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer”. Elder Lok reminds us that our Commanding Officer is God Himself.

QUESTIONS

1. Describe what you think a “soldier in God’s army” looks like today.

2. Personally, which of the four instructions do you think sounds:

a. most doable?

b. most challenging?

3. “Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.” 2 Tim 2:7

Pick one instruction that you want to focus on this week/season in your life. What do you want to do about it and how can the cell group pray for you?