

God's Word for Us

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2 Timothy 3:10-11 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

Our Private and Public life should match

Acts 14:19-22 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

• Endure hardships by remembering God is with and for us

2 Timothy 3:12-13 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

• When persecuted, don't attack back. Trust God to be your defender.

Romans 16:17-18 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- Top ways we hear God's Voice:
- Scripture
- Holy Spirit's internal voice

- Trusted leaders and mentors
- Visions and Dreams

2 Timothy 3:16-17 <u>All Scripture</u> is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the <u>servant of God</u> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- The Bibe God's Word:
- Inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Without error
- Final authority
- Teach How to walk the right path
- Rebuke Warns us when were are off that path
- Correct Tells us how to get back on the right path
- Train Teach us how to stay on that path
- 1. God's Word directs our life

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path

• 2. God's Word sanctifies (changes) us

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

• 3. God's Word helps us live pure lives

Psalm 119:9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your word.

• 4. God's Word reveals Jesus and the plan of salvation

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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