

PASSING THE  
**FAITH**  
To the Next Generation



## "The Unstoppable Message."

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Text: *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

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*"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel."*

**2 Timothy 2:8, ESV**

**BIG IDEA:** Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the gospel cannot be silenced, the mission cannot be stopped, and God's promises cannot be broken.

### 1. THE **PERSON** WORTH REMEMBERING v. 8

- He was raised from the dead.
- He is the offspring [seed] of David — the promised King whose throne lasts forever.
- "My gospel" — Paul was dying for this. Is it your gospel?

**Application:** Because of who rose, courage has a face. *Is the Gospel yours? Where do you need to walk bolder in the resurrection life you have?*

### 2. THE **PREACHING** THAT CANNOT BE CHAINED vv. 9–10

- Paul is chained — treated like a criminal — but the word of God is not chained.
- The word of God cannot be stopped — you can imprison the messenger, not the message.

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- **Paul endures for the elect** — specific people God is gathering who don't yet believe.

**Application:** Because of what the resurrection unleashes, the gospel has a guarantee. *Who are the specific people—by name—you are willing to endure for?*

### 3. THE **PROMISE** THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN vv. 11–13

- If we died with him ... **we will also live with him.**
- If we endure ... **we will also reign with him.**
- If we deny him ... **he also will deny us.** [Warning]
- If we are faithless ... **he remains faithful.** [Anchor]

**“He cannot deny Himself.”** Your salvation rests on His unbreakable nature, not your performance.

**Application:** Because of what the resurrection secures, faithfulness has a future. *Which line of the hymn do you need to hear most today? Why?*

**“Remember Jesus Christ, Risen from the Dead.”**

If you are walking through grief — **death does not have the final word.**

If you have gone quiet about your faith — **the word is not chained. Neither are you.**

If you are enduring something that feels like it will break you — **the dying-and-rising pattern is the rule.**

If you have been faithless — **He remains faithful. Come back.**

Dead seeds don't stay dead. Neither did He.

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