

## **SUFFER FOR THE GOSPEL 2 Tim. 2 *Growing Faith Community* 11-1-15**

What do you put off b/c it's too hard? What are your avoidance tactics?

How does Paul call us to be different? As for you...!

### **1. SERVE WITH ENDURANCE**

#### **\* Grace Beyond Saving - Serving**

- ~ Like Soldiers ... Under command to obey
- ~ Like Athletes ... Play by the rules
- ~ Like Farmers ... Work hard to get a crop

#### **\* Work Hard & Likely Suffer!**

- ~ How does Jesus' Kingship challenge assumptions & practices today?
- ~ Pass the Gospel on to others who will teach & do the same.

### **2. CONFIDENT IN JESUS' WORD**

#### **\* Message of Hope**

- ~ Remember Jesus Risen
- ~ Consider Paul's confidence in God's Word ... not chained!  
Why put up w/ all this hardship for people?
- ~ Where do I fit? Enduring or faithless denial?

#### **\* Stand Firm in the Word**

- ~ God's foundation stands firm ... in the face of speculations.
- ~ How do we honor - not dishonor - the Word in us?
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Anger-bitterness:

God is our Shepherd! We are SAFE. Live HOLY!