

Series Title:

“Passing the Torch of Truth”

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Sermon Title:

“When Our Memory Matters Most”

(Part 1)

Sermon Text:

II Timothy 2:8-13

Introduction:

- *If we are going to stand strong when called upon to suffer for the cause of Christ, then there are three things that we must always remember:*

I. Remember The _____ Of The _____! (2:8)

- The word translated **“remember”** is a word that means “to cause to be _____ of” or “to _____ information.”
- *The fact that this word is in the present tense, means that this was to be Timothy’s continual _____ or _____.*
- What is the significance of the word translated **“risen”**?

Paul’s command is not just to remember the facts about Christ, but to remember the Person Himself; to remember that he is the risen and living One!

- When it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, we don’t depend on the _____ of an _____; we enjoy the _____ of a _____!

“What Paul was saying to Timothy was this, ‘when fears threaten, when doubts assail, and when inadequacy depresses, remember the presence of the risen Lord!’”

- **For Paul, this wasn’t _____ - this was _____!**

“The vivid remembrance of Jesus and all that He is and that He has done keeps our relationship with Him vital and effective in all the circumstances of our life, and it motivates steadfastness in those times when we may suffer for our Lord!”

II. Remember The _____ Of The _____! (2:9)

- The phrase **“suffered hardship”** comes from a Greek word that means “to suffer physical _____, hardship, _____, and misfortune; to endure _____, to be _____.”
- *The present tense of this word indicates this was Paul’s _____!*
- **II Corinthians 11:23-33**

- The word translated “*criminal*” literally describes someone who customarily engages in doing what is _____, one who commits an offense against the law such as a _____, or a _____, or a _____.
- *Philippians 4:11-13; II Corinthians 12:10*
- The phrase “*Word of God*” is used 11 times in Acts as a synonym for “*the _____.*”
- The word translated “*imprisoned*” refers to “*the act of _____,*” and the word translated “*not*” indicates that it was _____ confined or imprisoned!
- *Colossians 1:6*

The word of God _____, and _____ imprisoned!

- *I Peter 1:23-25*

Conclusion:

How good is your memory with things that matter most?

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.