

2 Timothy 2:1-9

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## **A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus**

**2** You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. <sup>5</sup> And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen