

BIG TRUTH: THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A FIGHT

1 Timothy 6:11-12; Ephesians 6:11-13; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Exodus 14:14; Psalm 34:19; Romans 5:3-5, 8:18

BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

“Share in the suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.”

BIG IDEAS

- Strength for the fight is found in the grace of Jesus.
- Growth in the fight happens through faithfulness in hardship and suffering.
- Power for the fight is found in God’s Word.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

TRANSFORM - LIVING IN PURSUIT

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- God never leaves or forsakes His children
- Holiness makes us ready for every good work
- God’s Word equips us for every good work



Every student should feel...

- Strengthened and ready for the fight of the Christian life
- Love for God’s Word which changes our lives
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of 2 Timothy
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Recognize and flee forms of counterfeit godliness



Every student should want...

- To grow in how to rightly handle God’s Word
- To faithfully face weakness so that God’s strength would be on display
- To remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, in all they do and in all their conversations

FAMILY WORKOUT

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that the Christian life is a fight. We will pray with them to grow in their faithfulness to endure persecution for Christ and we will lead them to rely upon the power of Jesus to live for Him.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A FIGHT



Read and meditate on 2 Timothy 2:1-13 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder ways you can discuss with your son or daughter how the grace of Jesus has helped you remain faithful during hardships.
- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter ways that you have grown during hardships because you remained faithful. How can you help them see ways to remain faithful during sorrow by using God's Word?
- Ponder how you can model using God's grace and His Word for strength during a hardship for your son or daughter. How can you help them see the importance of relying upon God's Word as the source of wisdom, power, and truth?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Pray for them to grow in their reliance upon God's Word during hardships in their life.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them to remain faithful during struggles and hardships in this life.



Memorize 2 Timothy 2:3-4 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verse on an index card or put it in your phone. Review each day to help them memorize it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that you have grown by remaining faithful during a hardship. Help your son or daughter identify some ways that he or she can discipline themselves to rely more upon God's Word than the things of this world during hard times.
- Meet with your student to discuss some ways that he or she can spend time daily in God's Word to help them use its power in their daily life. Share with them some ways that you have found power and comfort in God's Word. Encourage them to make reading God's Word a priority.