

 Bible Study Lesson: *Faithful God, Enduring Word* – 12/18/2025 Focus Scripture (NIV – 2 Timothy 2:8–13)

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,
9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,

we will also live with him;

12 if we endure,

we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,

he will also disown us;

13 if we are faithless,

he remains faithful,

for he cannot disown himself.

 Lesson Objectives - By the end of this study, participants will:

- Recall the centrality of Jesus' resurrection and kingship.
- Understand Paul's endurance in suffering for the gospel.
- Reflect on the trustworthy saying about dying, enduring, and reigning with Christ.
- Recognize God's unchanging faithfulness even when we falter.
- Prepare hearts for Sunday School lessons on Luke 15:3–7 and Romans 5:6–10 by connecting endurance, salvation, and God's faithfulness.

 Verse Breakdown and Insights

- **Verse 8:** The gospel centers on Jesus—resurrected and descended from David. His resurrection secures hope; His lineage fulfills prophecy.
- **Verse 9:** Paul suffers for the gospel, but God's Word cannot be chained. Human opposition cannot stop divine truth.
- **Verse 10:** Paul endures hardship so others may receive salvation. Endurance is not just personal—it serves the mission of God.

- **Verses 11–12:** The trustworthy saying emphasizes union with Christ: dying with Him leads to life, enduring leads to reigning. Faithfulness matters.
- **Verse 13:** Even when we fail, God remains faithful. His character is unchanging, and His promises stand firm.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul emphasize remembering Jesus Christ as both resurrected and descended from David?
2. What does “God’s word is not chained” mean for us today?
3. How does Paul’s endurance inspire us in our own struggles?
4. What does the trustworthy saying teach us about perseverance and faithfulness?
5. How does God’s faithfulness encourage us when we feel weak or falter in our faith?

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV):

“If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

Why This Lesson Prepares Us for Luke 15:3–7 and Romans 5:6–10

- **Luke 15:3–7 (Parable of the Lost Sheep):** God’s faithfulness is seen in His pursuit of the lost. Just as Paul endured for the elect, God seeks out those who stray.
- **Romans 5:6–10:** Christ died for us while we were still sinners—showing God’s faithfulness even when we were faithless.
- **2 Timothy 2:8–13** ties these together: God’s Word is unstoppable, His salvation is secure, and His faithfulness endures. This prepares us to celebrate God’s relentless love and grace in Sunday School.

Closing Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for the gospel of Jesus Christ—resurrected and reigning. Thank You that Your Word is not chained and that Your faithfulness endures even when ours falters. Help us to endure in our faith, to live with hope, and to share salvation with others. As we prepare for lessons on Your pursuit of the lost and Your love for sinners, remind us that You are faithful and true. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Bible Study Worksheet: 2 Timothy 2:8–13 (NIV)

Focus Scripture

“Remember _____ Christ, raised from the _____...” (v.8)

“...But God’s _____ is not chained.” (v.9)

Lesson Objectives

1. Recall the centrality of Jesus’ _____ and kingship.
2. Understand Paul’s _____ in suffering for the gospel.
3. Reflect on the trustworthy saying about _____ and _____ with Christ.
4. Recognize God’s unchanging _____.

Verse Breakdown

- Verse 8: The gospel centers on Jesus—_____ and descended from _____.
- Verse 9: Paul suffers, but God’s Word cannot be _____.
- Verse 10: Paul endures hardship so others may receive _____.
- Verses 11–12: Dying with Christ leads to _____; enduring leads to _____.
- Verse 13: Even when we are _____, God remains _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul emphasize remembering Jesus Christ as both _____ and descended from _____?
2. What does “God’s word is not _____” mean for us today?
3. How does Paul’s _____ inspire us in our own struggles?

Memory Verse - Fill in the blanks:

“If we are _____, he remains _____, for he cannot _____ himself.” (2 Tim. 2:13)

Connection to Luke 15 & Romans 5

- Luke 15: God’s faithfulness is seen in His pursuit of the _____.
- Romans 5: Christ died for us while we were still _____.
- 2 Timothy 2: God’s Word is _____, His salvation is _____, and His faithfulness _____.