

**2 Timothy 2:1-13 – Gospel perseverance**

**How long will it be till this church ends because no one comes anymore?**

**... what might cause us as a church that follows Jesus as our Lord and Saviour today to die out?**

- We no longer hold to God's word
- Age catches up with all of us
- We all turn away
- There is no one left to lead us

**1) Be strong in grace that is in Christ Jesus**

**... everyone in the province of Asia has deserted him.**

**= to know the gospel clearly himself and to hold to it firmly and also to speak about it often.**

**Are we people who are strong in the gospel?**

**2) Entrust gospel truths those who follow**

**... 4 generations of gospel teachers in view here.**

**Who are we training up?**

**Who are we sending out to take this gospel to other areas?**

**3) Join with Paul in suffering – 2 Tim 2:3**

**The soldier (v3-4)**

**... listens to his commanding officer and does not get mixed up in civilian affairs**

**The athlete (v5)**

**... is one who compete according to the rules.**

**The farmer (v 6)**

**... works hard to prepare soil, plant seed and often waits a long time before a harvest ever comes.**

**4) Remember Jesus Christ**

**The trustworthy saying**

**v 12-13, *"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."***

**If suffering causes us to turn away from following Jesus then he will disown us.**