

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.