

## Treasuring God's Word *Missions Emphasis 2021*

The Word Set Free  
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But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.  
- 2 Timothy 2:9-10

### I. REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

- Our first task in missions and evangelism is to be right about the gospel (Rom. 1:2-6; 1 Cor. 15:3-11; Gal 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 2:8).
- Proclaiming and defending that gospel often comes to us at a great price (2 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 1:6-9).

### II. WE MAY BE BOUND, BUT NEVER GOD'S WORD

- Our task is to be obedient, regardless the circumstances. God's task is to make his word fruitful (Isa. 55:6-11; 2 Tim. 2:9).
- God's word is living and active. It is also fixed in the heavens. It is moving, but it is never moved (Psalm 119:89; Heb. 4:12).
- Bible translation. Literacy. True biblical teaching. These set people free. We must endure everything so that people might hear (2 Tim. 2:10).

**KNOW:** God's word is free. It changes people when it is opened to them.

**DO:** Endure all for the sake of the elect.

#### Suggested Reading:

*What is the Gospel?* By Greg Gilbert and D.A. Carson (LifePoint Library #234 GIL)

*Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough* by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library #220.6 DEY)

#### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups, Families, Individuals:

##### **Please Read 2 Timothy 2:8-10**

1. What does Paul want us to remember? Why?
2. What is the gospel? (see Rom. 1:1-6)
3. How much should we consider our own suffering when it comes to proclaiming the gospel? Would it be wrong to consider our own suffering?
4. Why do we do missions?
5. What is the "eternal glory" that accompanies salvation?
6. How will you involve yourself in seeing to it that the unbound word of God reaches all people?