



## Part 5: Entrusted with a Story

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# ENTRUSTED

## **2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7** ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

### **Entrusted with destructive hope**

**VERSES 1-4:** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

### **1 Timothy 1:12-14**

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

### **Acts 8:1**

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

### **Entrusted with debilitating honesty**

**VERSE 5:** An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

### **Ephesians 4:1-3**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## **Entrusted with disarming hospitality**

**VERSES 6-7:** It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

### **Romans 12:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Do you believe God wants to use your story to build his Kingdom? Why or why not?
- 2) Do you struggle with being completely honest about all the work God has done in your life? Why or why not?
- 3) In what CTK ministry could see your story expanding the Kingdom of God (kids, students, young adults, hospitality, worship, production, prayer, small groups, men's/women's ministry, etc.)?
- 4) Is there someone in your life you feel God leading you to share your story with? Who?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?