

A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13



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STRENGTHENED IN GRACE



GOD'S GRACE

- **God's grace is one of the great subjects of discussion in the New Testament.**
- **There are many men who have defined it, often based on their own thoughts and theology.**
- **To best understand grace as used in the New Testament, we go to the words of the Old.**

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- **“Steadfast love” (ESV) is the ultimate source of the word in the New Testament.**
- **God's grace is his loving covenant faithfulness to His children.**
- **Hebrews 13:5; cf. Deuteronomy 31:6**

BECOMING STRONG

- **God's promise to Israel in Deuteronomy empowered them to fight an enemy that seemed overwhelming by human standards (Numbers 14).**
- **Our struggles to be good Christians can often be exceptionally difficult.**
- **We face daily challenges in unforeseen ways.**

BECOMING STRONG

- Sometimes, doing the right thing even brings opposition from other Christians.
- The Spartans of the ancient world had one of the greatest example's of a king's reassuring presence.
- Deuteronomy 31:8

BECOMING STRONG

- **Romans 8:37-39**
- **God's presence in our lives should embolden us to righteous warfare (Jude 3).**

TO WHAT END?

- **We, as soldiers in God's army, have a mission: to put the world under the occupation of the kingdom of God.**
- **We do this not through the power of a sword of steel, but by the power of the sword of the Word of God.**

TO WHAT END?

- **Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**
- **We do this by maintaining our own readiness, speaking truth where the world won't and reaping a harvest of souls for Jesus. This is how we advance the banner of Jesus on the field of spiritual battle.**