

# A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

January	Strengthened in Grace
February	Entrust to Faithful Men
March	Share in Suffering
April	Entangled in Civilian Pursuits
May	Please the Enlisting Officer
June	Sports and Rules
July	Hard-Working Farmers
August	The Lord Will Give You
September	Remember Your King
October	Enduring Everything
November	The Saying is Trustworthy
December	He Remains Faithful





# SHARE IN SUFFERING





# SUFFERING FOR JESUS

- In this day and age, we have to define what suffering for Jesus really means.
- There are two ways that we suffer for Jesus.
- Suffering is not getting your feelings hurt over something someone says.
- We're talking real honest anguish in life.



# SUFFERING FOR JESUS

- We, by and large in America, have forgotten what that means.
- There are some, though, who go to places and preach the Gospel at severe risk.
- There is a second way that we suffer for Jesus: by abstaining from sin.



# SUFFERING FOR JESUS

- John calls the temptations to sin “lusts” because they sate appetites that we have — they give us pleasure.
- To deny ourselves this pleasure, albeit temporary in nature, is the loss of pleasure.



# SUFFERING FOR JESUS

- We also lose a sense of belonging that is important to us as human beings.



# WHY DO WE DO IT?

- If sin is fun, why do we reject it?
- Because we have a perfect picture of the damage that sin does to our souls here on earth: substance addiction.
- Sin will ravage our souls and destroy our relationship with our Father.



# WHY DO WE DO IT?

- We sacrifice belonging to the world because we know what that companionship leads — away from God.
- There is a greater fellowship waiting for us, that we can also share in now, which is far better than any sense of belonging the world can give us.



# OUR INSPIRATION

- We have exemplars that have modeled how to live this life.
- David
- Paul
- Jesus