

Running the Race: Passing the Baton to the Next Generation

(2 Timothy 1:15 – 2:2)

Intro.

Source (2:1)- Eph. 6:10, Zech. 4:6

Entrust (2:2a)

Things which you heard from me (2:2b) 1 & 2 Tim., 2 Tim. 4:2

Faithful men/women (2:2c)

- a) Routine faithfulness- 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Col. 4:2; Acts 10:38
- b) Tough times/crises faithfulness

Able to teach (2:2d)

Life Response

1. The true source of power for the believer is the Word of God, a continuing enablement from the Spirit of God, and resting continually in the grace that is in Jesus Christ.
2. Passing the baton is not random but planned and practiced God's way in discipleship.
3. Prayer: Help us O Lord find those that may instill courage within me to encourage others to persevere in their faith no matter how hard the times.
4. Let us learn to be faithful in the routine so that we will be ready to be faithful to our Lord in the crises.
5. Don't let your past, the things of the world, or past mistakes paralyze your hearts. All of that will hinder us in running the race and passing the baton of faith to the next generation.
6. Finally, from Tozer: "unbelief is entirely logical and true to nature. People of faith, however, have a logic that is higher than natural logic, a logic that cannot be seen by unbelievers. . . . Unbelief is logical and true to nature because nature is fixed in a regular routine However, God introduces the supernatural, and He says 'I am who I am and I will.' God wills to do a new thing.

NOTE: Life responses not covered in recording, Listener needs to apply them on his own.