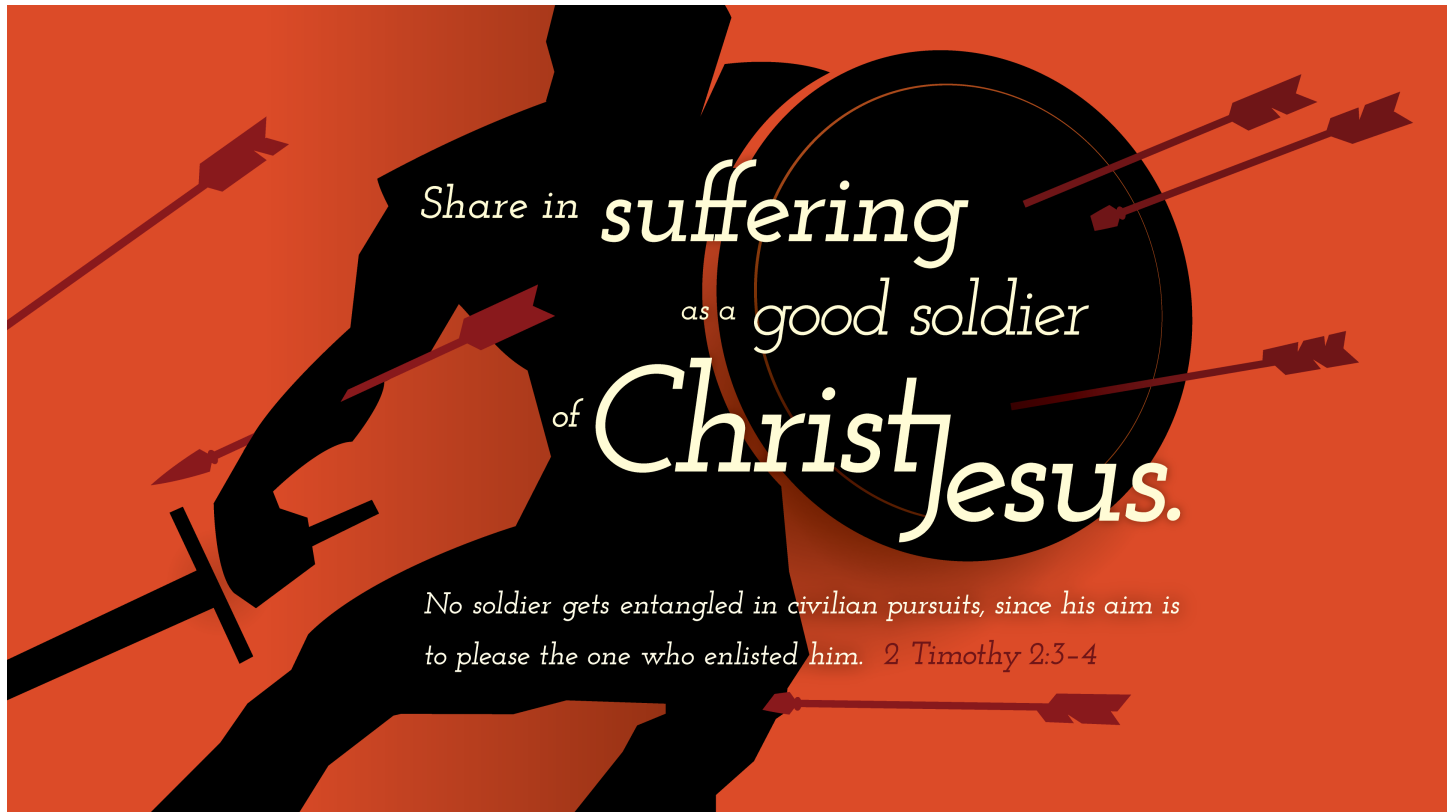


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Hard Fighting Soldier: Everyday Christian / Soldiers; Fight of Faith / 2 Timothy 2:1-7

A hard fighting soldier has a different task and training when he is fighting with and for the Lord.



2 Timothy 2:1-7 ESV

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² 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. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

I. THE SOLDIER'S TASK

A. To follow.

Matthew 4:19 ESV

¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

1 Timothy 6:12 ESV

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

II. THE SOLDIER'S TRAINING

2 Timothy 2:3 ESV

³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

A. Discipline.

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 ESV

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

B. Dedication.

John 2:1–5 ESV

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

C. Denial.

Matthew 6:33 ESV

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

