



**LIVING WELL**  
FINISHING STRONG  
**2 TIMOTHY**



A Gateway Collection

**Paul's second letter to Timothy gives us three instructions on how to live well and finish strong**

- 1. Hold to Sound Doctrine (1:13)**
- 2. Endure Suffering (2:10)**
- 3. Ensure Succession (3:14-15)**



- 1. Paul was an apostolic leader and minister with the love and heart of a father. (2 Timothy 1:1-2)**
- 2. Through remembrance, remain anchored in the goodness of Jesus. (2 Timothy 1:3-7)**
- 3. Join *WITH* Jesus and one another in the work of the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:8)**



**Everyone suffers, but everyone does not  
suffer well.**



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# **Four Encouragements When Suffering:**

- 1. Suffer Knowingly**
- 2. Suffer Advantageously**
- 3. Suffer Cautiously**
- 4. Suffer Expectantly**



**Prayer as a way of life is a necessary and powerful gift that God has given us, to help us at all times, especially in seasons of suffering and trouble.**



**What catches our attention can become the focus of our affection. The focus of our affection forms our attitude and influences our actions.**



**Fixation is formation.**



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**A praying church can be FAITHFUL and FRUITFUL, no matter the suffering.**



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**Acts 12:1-17**  
**(Prayer, Suffering, and Miracles)**



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# Prayer

**1. Faithful Prayer (Acts 12:5)**

**2. Fruitful Prayer (Acts 12:6-11)**



# Faithful Prayer

- 1. Frequency of prayer - "without ceasing"**
- 2. Fervency of prayer - "earnestly praying"**
- 3. Fellowship of prayer - "the church"**
- 4. Faith of prayer - "praying to God"**
- 5. Focus of prayer - "for Peter"**



**“Prisons are no match for prayers.”**

**- Anonymous**



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# **Fruitful Prayer**

- 1. God answers prayer.**
- 2. We are a kingdom of priests.**
- 3. Our prayers are directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**
- 4. The Holy Spirit and the word of God always work together.**



# Suffering

**1. Context of Suffering**

**2. Characters of Suffering**



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# **Context of Suffering**

**1. Kingdoms at war**

**2. Generational resistance**

**3. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, & pride of life**





# **Characters of Suffering**

- 1. Herod: a symbol of evil powers in spiritual realms**
- 2. Prison: the tool that evil powers use to isolate, intimidate, and torment**
- 3. Church: a kingdom of priests, God's children who are to influence the world through prayer**
- 4. Angel: ministering spirits created by God to serve those inheriting salvation**



- 1. Are you in a prison?**
- 2. Who are the people praying for you and standing with you while you await your miracle?**



**Prayer is fixing our attention on Jesus and making Him the focus of our affection, and allowing Him to form our attitudes and influence our actions.**



# What can we do?

- 1. Pray as the Bride of Christ, and pray continually.**
- 2. Remember your victories, promises, and breakthroughs.**
- 3. Rest in the mystery of God's goodness.**
- 4. Pray in the Spirit.**

