

## Order of Service | March 9 & 10, 2019

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness Yes and Amen Glory to Glory Senior Pastor Jay Bruner A Daring New Day - Week 3

## DARING TO GIVE GOD MY BEST

## HOW TO GIVE GOD MY BEST:

Endure suffering (hardships) along with me, as a **GOOD SOLDIER of Christ** Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. **And ATHLETES** cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. And **HARDWORKING FARMERS** should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things. **2 Timothy 2:3-7 (NLT)** 

Lessons from a soldier - To Give God My Best...

1. I must choose what is worth <u>dying</u> for.

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for ME (Jesus Christ) and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Mark 8:35-36 (NIV)

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 (NLT)

2. I must choose to <u>sacrifice</u> my own <u>convenience</u> and <u>comfort</u> for the lives of others.

*Endure suffering* (hardships) *along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.* **2 Timothy 2:3 (NLT)** 

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us [a] and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

3. I must choose to get rid of <u>distractions</u>.

...as Christ's soldier, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army. **2 Timothy 2:4 (TLB)** 

Lessons from an athlete - To Give God My Best... (1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1-3)

- I must run with the <u>finish line</u> in mind. (1 Corinthians 9:25, Hebrews 12:2)
- I must run like I am running to <u>win</u>.
  (1 Corinthians 9:26)
- 3. I must drop the <u>weight</u> and <u>discipline</u> myself. (1 Corinthians 9:25 & 27)

A lesson from the farmer - To Give God My Best... (2 Corinthians 9:6-13)

I must willingly, joyfully, and intentionally choose to plant generously in faith.

Jesus says... I can guarantee this truth: When the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne in the world to come, ...everyone who gave up homes, brothers or sisters, father, mother, children, or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. Matthew 19:28-29 (GWT)

**Going deeper on your own**. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-13 slowly and out loud. Circle, underline, and highlight the things God impresses upon your heart. Look at the promises God makes regarding those principles. Write them out so you can visibly see them. Now read Matthew 6:1-4 and Matthew 6:19-34. Write out one thing you can do this week to intentionally store treasures in heaven. Share it with someone, share it with Pastor Jay (*Jay@CenterPointChurch.com*), and then go do it.