



GUARD THE TRUTH

## To Be Used by God

2 Timothy 2:20-26 • Message #8

Paul provides 6 pictures of a committed Christian:

**1. The Dedicated Soldier** – *without \_\_\_\_\_ there's no victory, vs. 3-4.*

**2. The Obedient Athlete** – *without \_\_\_\_\_ - there's no prize, v. 5.*

**3. The Hardworking Farmer**, v. 6. *Without \_\_\_\_\_ - there's no reward.*

**4. The Unashamed Worker** – *without \_\_\_\_\_ - there is no approval, v. 15*

**5. A Clean Vessel** – *without \_\_\_\_\_ - there's no usefulness, vs. 20-22.*

• We must run from sinful \_\_\_\_\_.

• We must run towards godly \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. A Submissive Servant** – *without \_\_\_\_\_ - there's no fruitfulness, vs. 23-26*

### TAKE HOME TRUTH

*Committed Christians are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in themselves; and \_\_\_\_\_ with unbelievers.*

Coming Up

July 13 – *The End is ... Here*, 2 Timothy 3:1-9

July 20 – *Be Faithful*, 2 Timothy 3:10-15

July 27 – Paul Krepps

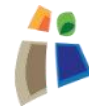
August 3 – Phil Dufryn, Covenant Life Community Church

## Just a Moment \_\_\_\_\_ with Pastor Fred

Happy Birthday America – belated. How thankful I am for the USA. There's no question our founding fathers created a nation based on Judeo-Christian principles. Tragically we have seen a distancing of that under the false idea of separation of church and state. Our nation's founders meant that there shouldn't be a nationalized religion – not that Christians shouldn't be involved in government.

We grew up hearing 2 Chron 7:14 applied to the USA. We were told that if the church would repent and pray then God would restore America. I'm afraid this isn't what this verse means at all. Without question the USA needs to repent, but this promise isn't for us. Who is 2 Chron 7:14 written to? *If my people*. What people? Israel. Israel was coming home from exile. God was pointing them back to his covenants. Yes, we are God's people today, but the church isn't in the OT. The church has no land. There is no promise in 2 Chron 7:14 for the US to be spiritually healed. Our kingdom isn't of this world. Our home is heaven. We're aliens and citizens of another kingdom. Yes, we're citizens also of America. Let's use our rights to promote morality and decency, but political maneuvering and getting the right people elected isn't the answer. Calling our culture to a high moral standard is noble, but it is not our mission. Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We've been truly blessed in many ways as a nation – beyond what our founding fathers dreamt. I'm patriotic. I'm flying the flag at our home. But let us remember on this weekend too that our first allegiance is to Christ and his kingdom.



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*Be exalted,  
O LORD,  
in Your Strength!  
We will Sing and  
praise Your Power.*

Psalm 21:13

**Prelude  
Call to Worship**

*Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down  
Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

**Missions Moment**

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Scripture Reading and Pastoral Prayer**

*A Mighty Fortress*

*To Be Used by God*  
Pastor Fred Froman

*Jesus Name Above All Names*

**Benediction  
Prayer Team**

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## THE LORD'S DAY

July 6, 2025

Corporate worship is designed to remind you that the world is ruled by a wise, generous and capable King – and He is not you.

*Loving God  
Loving People*

### Worship Service

No childcare

#### Today

10:30am Worship Service  
12:00pm Potluck

#### Wednesday, July 9

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study  
7:00pm Praise Team Practice



## Announcements

**Special thanks** to Sue Depoorter and her team for facilitating the potluck today along with Paul Recher for smoking the pulled pork.

**An Installation Service** for Kevin Finkenbinder will be held at Faith Bible Church in Lansing on Sunday, July 27 at 3pm. Deadline to sign up is July 20.

**New Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study.** Gina Hart will facilitate a study in Philippians July 29, August 5 and 19. Please sign up if you wish to attend and indicate if you need childcare. The study will be held at 10:30am in room 102.

**A CEF Five Day Club** will be held here at the church, August 11-15. See Cindy Price for more details.

**Church Picnic with the Langes** will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 4pm. More information will be made available as the date gets closer. Anthony Lange will join our pastoral team in January 2026.

**Interested in knowing more about Holt Baptist?** Discovering God's People is a one-time class to introduce folks to the church. We will meet on Sunday, August 24 from 5-7pm. The class is the first step towards church membership.

**Fall Fest** – an evangelistic outreach will be held on Sunday, September 14 at 4pm.

**Next Ministry Team Meeting** - October 16, 6:30pm



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Santos July 9

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Alyssa Elliott July 6

#### Today's Greeters

Donna Kimmel  
Jan & Colleen Peck



#### MOWING THIS WEEK

Dave Drullinger

#### Foyer Ministry

This Week: Jim Chaney  
Next Week: Stephen DeMass

## Prayer Requests

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
Colossians 4:2

### General Requests

- Camp Barakel Staff
- Kaylen & Isaac Elliott - counseling at Barakel
- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes—ministry at Berean and transition to HBC

### Physical Needs

- Eliana Bolthouse (Froman's granddaughter) - Mary Free Bed
- Frank Bragg (Killian Loveall's grandfather) - mental health, diabetes
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - cancer
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Rick Nowak (friend of Helmut's) - leukemia
- Steve Blake - recovering from heart surgery

### Prayer For Our Government Officials

Garlin Gilchrist, Lt. Governor

### Missions Moment

CEF of Lansing

### Prayer Individual of the Week

Chad Biehn

### Shut in of the Week

Dave Murray

