

Series: 4Ward on the Journey
Message: Christianity 101
Part 1 – A Relationship Builder’s Purpose
2 Timothy 2:1-7 (AM 2/11/18)

From his Roman dungeon window, Paul may have seen the bloodstained executioner’s block. He knew that would soon be his fate. The Apostle was enamored with the mission of passing on his mantle of leadership. The missionary intuitively knew that the Church was but one generation away from extinction. It was imperative that Timothy raise up a new generation of devoted Christ Followers. With that backdrop, one can see why 2 Timothy 2 reads like a Christianity 101 course. Each generation of Believers must faithfully disciple the next generation. The American Culture precariously looks more like the first century, daily. Today, the Church is but one generation away from losing its influence. *Let’s enroll in Christianity 101 and rediscover how to effectively Build Relationships of Hope in 2018.*

1st A Christian’s World (1; 15) *“Be strong in the Grace that is in Christ...”*

Key: The faithful are disciplined

2nd A Christian’s Work (2) *“Commit...to faithful men who will be able to teach”*

Key: The faithful are disciplining

3rd A Christian’s Warfare (3-4) *“Endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus”*

Key: The faithful are devoted

4th A Christian’s Walk (5) *“He competes according to the rules...”*

Key: The faithful are diligent

5th A Christian’s Wealth (6) *“Must be first to partake of the crops...”*

Key: The faithful are delighted

6th A Christian’s Wish (7) *“The Lord give you understanding in all things...”*

Key: The faithful are discerning

Application to our life: Every serious Child of God desires to know God’s Will and understand God’s Purpose for their life. Paul’s instruction to Timothy gives our generation insight. *Our purpose is found in living for God’s Glory and to Sharing His Story.* The Father strategically places us near people who are waiting for someone to build a relationship of Hope with them for His Son to walk across. *May our passion in 2018 be to build Relationships of Hope.*