I. 2 Tim 2:1-4
   A. **Endure hardship** - *kakōpathēō* - To undergo hardship, be afflicted, suffer physical pain, hardship or distress
      1. Not just about WHAT we go through but HOW we go through!
   B. **Engaged in warfare** - *strateuo* - To engage in a war as a soldier, to fight or battle
   C. **Please** - *aresko* - Give pleasure to or be pleasing to; desire to please
      1. **Acts 5:29** - We ought to obey God rather than men
      2. **Acts 4:19** - Listen to God more than man
   D. **Enlisted him as a soldier** - *stratōlōgēō* - To gather or select; levy an army or recruit for military service
      1. **Two things every soldier needs to know:**
         a) **Mission**
         b) **Rules of Engagement**
      2. **Mission**: What are we trying to accomplish? What is the goal? Objective?
         a) **Jesus came on a mission:**
            (1) **Luke 19:10** - Came to seek and to save that which was lost
            (2) **1 John 3:8** - Came to destroy the works of the devil
            (3) **Luke 4:18** - Anointed to complete His mission
               (a) **Green Beret Motto**: *De Opresso Liber* - “To liberate the oppressed”
         b) **Our mission**: Transformation of people to transform culture
            (1) **Matt 6:9-10** - Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. NKJV
      3. **Rules of Engagement** - The orders issued by a competent military authority that describe in detail *when, where, how, and against whom military force may be used, and they have implications for what actions soldiers may take on their own authority and what directives may be issued by a commanding officer.*
         a) **1 Chron 14:9-17** - David receives Rules of Engagement
         b) **Rules of Engagement in the Spirit**: when, where, how, and against whom spiritual military force may be used
            (1) **2 Cor 10:3-4**
            (2) **Eph 6:10-13**
(a) **Wiles** - *mēthōdēia* - Crafty scheming with the intent to deceive

(3) **1 Tim 1:18**

(a) **Wage** - *strateuo* - To engage in a war as a soldier, to fight or battle

c) **We are not fighting FOR victory but we are fighting FROM victory!**

**E. What is the Mission?**

1. Transformation of people and culture - make earth look like heaven
   a) **In order to transform society we have to first transform people**
   b) **Rom 12:2** - Don’t be conformed to this world, be transformed!
      (1) **Conformed** - *suschēmatizō* - To form or mold one’s behavior in accordance with a particular pattern or set of standards; shape one’s behavior
      (2) **Transformed** - *mētamōrphōō* - To change in outward appearance or expression due to a change in nature or essence
   a) **2 Peter 1:4** - partakers of the divine nature through His promises

**F. What are the Rules of Engagement?**

1. We do not fight against people and our weapons are not physical but mighty
2. Be trained to use the weapons that have been given to us
3. Fight FROM a place of victory not FOR a place of victory - DEFEND