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At the Movies 2026: American Underdog
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2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV): You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

2 Timothy 2:1 (NIV): You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Three Keys to Staying in the Pocket When the Pressure Mounts

Key #1: Focus Like a Soldier

2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV): Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

If you look at the world, you will be distressed. If you look within, you will be depressed. If you look at Christ, you will be at rest. –Corrie Ten Boom

Key #2: Train Like an Athlete

2 Timothy 2:5 (NIV): Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

Key #3: Work Like a Farmer

2 Timothy 2:6 (NIV): The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.