



A SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST

I recently began my 25th year of full-time evangelism and discipleship. I am grateful to God for this opportunity, and to you for your huge contribution to this ministry through prayer and/or giving.

I like very much 2 Tim 2:2-4. Paul urges Timothy to persevere in preaching the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus. He evokes the image of **a soldier who has been called to difficult service**. I look at myself precisely as a soldier. Many years ago I enlisted in God's army to serve a great Commander, and He is sending me on a mission to the world. My job is to faithfully testify to salvation in Christ and build up others in their faith.

Humanly speaking, such work is impossible in the long run. Sometimes it is hard for me, I lose enthusiasm, I get discouraged. So why do I continue in my mission? **Only because it is God who has called me** and continues to give me supernatural strength and perseverance. I have come across the definition that a calling is God's dream for a person. I think this is true. When I recognized God's will for my life after college, I could clearly see that He wanted me to serve Him 24/7. I understood that He would not force me to do so, but was waiting for my decision. I gladly did so, even though I didn't know what that fully meant.

2 Tim 2:2-4 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.

Today I can say that nothing has changed. **My vocation costs me a lot** (lack of recognition in the eyes of others, fear of rejection, lower wages, etc.), **but it brings even greater rewards** (the joy of being used by God, a close relationship with Jesus, valuable relationships with other believers). The price of discipleship is high, but worth paying!

I don't mean to say that a full-time missionary is doing anything better than a believer who works professionally. I believe that each of us is a soldier who has his own calling from God. We should recognize this vocation and faithfully carry it out, relying on His strength.

Please pray that:

- God will give me and Gosia perseverance in our digital ministry, which is more routine than at campus;
- God will remove my health ailments (spine, joints, muscles);
- our new website MojeZmagania.pl would be an opportunity to share Christ with those who suffer;
- our children Karolina (19) and Maciek (17) would accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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