



Gran Turismo

July 14, 2024 Message Notes
2 Timothy 3:10, 14-15

NOTES

Jesus always taught by using stories – to help listeners understand His truths.

Gran Turismo is a high-octane, high-adrenaline movie that goes as deep as it goes fast.

“If you miss a line in the game, you reset. If you miss it on the track, you could die.”

Jann Mardenborough - Gran Turismo simulation racing gamer that turned professional racecar driver.



The GT Academy used the best sim game racers in the world to see if their skills could translate into driving a real-life machine that exceeds 200 mph.

We are invited to see beyond the game, beyond whatever screens we find our noses buried into, to experience real and true life.

The themes connect to each of our lives: facing seemingly impossible challenges, overcoming adversity, and learning how to make a way in life against outspoken opposition.

It's a story about a mentor and mentee.

Have you ever found yourself at the right time and the right place to offer your wisdom to someone else? What did you do?

“This is reality. If you're not gonna commit, if you're not gonna have conviction on that track, and you make mistakes like that? The next time we might not be so lucky.”

Paul mentored:

Timothy, Silvanus, and Titus

(2 Corinthians 1:1, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, and Galatians 3:1).

Paul stayed close with:

Crispus (Acts 18:8),

Stephanas (1 Corinthians 16:15),

Fortunatus (1 Corinthians 16:17),

Achaicus (1 Corinthians 16:17),

Erastus (Romans 16:23),

Gaius (1 Corinthians 1:14),

Tertius (Romans 16:22),

Quartus (Romans 16:23),



Sosthenes (1 Corinthians 1:1),
Chloe (1 Corinthians 1:11)
and Phoebe (Romans 16:1).

How did Paul do it?

By simply telling the truth about what he knew to those willing to listen.

Paul stayed true to Jesus' calling to make disciples. He didn't allow a poor experience to determine how he raised up leaders and made disciples.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

God's power is strong enough to pull us through our fear.

"For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead." Philippians 3:9-10

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear." 1 John 4:18

Fear flees in the presence of Jesus' perfect, redeeming, restoring love.

His Spirit of discipline empowers us to stand firm against our fear.

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety." Psalm 18:2

When we invite God's Spirit to take up residence in our lives, His fruits of self-discipline (daily prayer, Bible reading, quiet time) are like bolts that ground us into Christ's firm foundation.



“That crash is not gonna define who you are, but how you respond to it, will. Finish your lap.”

Great teachers focus on form and function. Great mentors build the person. This involves character, integrity, and responsibility

“But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance... You must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:10; 14-15

Jack helped Jann identify what was within his influence/control and what was not. Mentors help us to distinguish between these two.

**The writers included Jack Salter in Jann’s story because they believed that Jann needed a mentor.

