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## 2Tm2,3

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2Tm2,3 (also known as *Tymoteusz*) is a Polish Christian metal band. Their name refers to the Bible, verse 2 of Timothy 2:3 (“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”). The band is made up of members of various top Polish heavy metal and alternative rock bands, including Acid Drinkers, Flapjack, Armia, and Houk.

2Tm2,3 formed in 1996 after members of some of Poland’s most popular alternative and metal bands met and discussed their belief in Christian values. Robert Friedrich (guitar), Dariusz “Maleo” Malejonek (guitar), Tomasz Budzyński (vocals), and Piotr Żyżelewicz (drums) decided to form 2Tm2,3 as a way of expressing their faith through music.

The group’s lyrics are mostly taken from the Bible, and occasionally on texts of the Fathers of the Church. They often weave in verses in Hebrew and Aramaic, as well as Polish. In addition to explicitly Christian themes, 2Tm2,3 has been active in antiracist work, contributing to an antiracism music compilation put out by the Never Again Association in 1998.

2Tm2,3 has toured extensively in and around Poland and played a number of major festivals, including Woodstock 2006 in Kostrzyn. As a group consisting of accomplished musicians from stylistically various groups, 2Tm2,3 is known for varying their sound significantly from album to album, and even from concert to concert. For instance, the 2000 Pascha tour consisted of electronic remixes of previously released material, while 2Tm2,3 is also known for playing acoustic concerts that often take place in churches. The album 888 (2006), on the other hand, represents a more straightforward metal and punk sound, while their most recent studio album, *Source* (Źródło, 2015), is a folky, acoustic production.

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