

# “Fan the Flame”

## 2 Timothy Bible Study

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### Greetings from Paul

1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

### Encouragement to Be Faithful

<sup>3</sup> Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup> I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

<sup>5</sup> I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. <sup>6</sup> This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. <sup>9</sup> For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. <sup>11</sup> And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

<sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

<sup>13</sup> Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you. <sup>15</sup> As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes.

<sup>16</sup> May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me. He was never ashamed of me because I was in chains. <sup>17</sup> When he came to Rome, he searched everywhere until he found me. <sup>18</sup> May the Lord show him special kindness on the day of Christ's return. And you know very well how helpful he was in Ephesus.



## 2 Timothy Chapter #2- (NLT)

Week #4	2 Timothy 2:1-7	“R U Enlisted as A Soldier”?
Week #5	2 Timothy 2:8-14	“R U Chained to The Ole Ball & Chain”?
Week #6	2 Timothy 2:15-19	“Painstaking”
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### A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

1. Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

<sup>3</sup>Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. <sup>5</sup>And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. <sup>6</sup>And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. <sup>7</sup>Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

<sup>8</sup>Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. <sup>9</sup>And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. <sup>10</sup>So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

<sup>11</sup>This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him.

<sup>12</sup>If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us.

<sup>13</sup>If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. <sup>14</sup>Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.

## An Approved Worker

<sup>15</sup> Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. <sup>17</sup> This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. <sup>18</sup> They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, they have turned some people away from the faith.

<sup>19</sup> But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil."

<sup>20</sup> In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. <sup>21</sup> If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

<sup>22</sup> Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

<sup>23</sup> Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. <sup>25</sup> Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. <sup>26</sup> Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.



## 2 Timothy Chapter # 3 (NLT)

Week #8	2 Timothy 3:1-9	“It’s NOT All About You”!
Week #9	2 Timothy 3:10-17	“R U Workin With Right Equipment”?

### The Dangers of the Last Days

1. You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup>For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. <sup>3</sup>They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. <sup>4</sup>They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. <sup>5</sup>They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

<sup>6</sup>They are the kind who work their way into people’s homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. <sup>7</sup>(Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.) <sup>8</sup>These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. <sup>9</sup>But they won’t get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres.

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.

<sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.



## 2 Timothy Chapter # 4 - (NLT)

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Week #11	2 Timothy 4:5-16	“Good Fight”!
Week #12	2 Timothy 4:17-27	“Deliverance from Your Lion’s Den”!

1. I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

<sup>5</sup>But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. <sup>8</sup>And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

### **Paul’s Final Words**

<sup>9</sup>Timothy, please come as soon as you can. <sup>10</sup>Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. <sup>15</sup> Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said.

<sup>16</sup> The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death <sup>18</sup> Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

### **Paul's Final Greetings**

<sup>19</sup> Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila and those living in the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus stayed at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus sends you greetings, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. <sup>22</sup> May the Lord be with your spirit. And may his grace be with all of you.





Week #1

## 2 Timothy 1:1-4 “Blessins’ Timothy”

1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Encouragement to Be Faithful<sup>3</sup> Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day, I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup> I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

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“Keep The Fire Lite”. (cbd pastors)*

### *Review Questions:*

1. Who is this letter written to?
2. Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Are you chosen?)
3. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ out to tell others about Jesus. (Are you supposed to do the same?)
4. May God give us what in verse 2?
5. What word jumps off the page after we receive peace? Are we commissioned to apply this specific word to others?
6. What are some examples of ways we can apply the above answer word to others?
7. How much did Paul pray? How are we to apply this to our personal life?
8. What does Paul remember in prayer? (who do we remember?)

## 2 Timothy Life Application Bible Study: “FAN THE FLAMES IN MY HEART”!



*The following notes are from Life Gateway 2 Timothy online Bible Study*

### **2 Timothy 1: 1-7**

The local government in the Bengal area was afraid that the Japanese would invade their country as they had invaded Singapore and Burma. In reaction to this supposed threat decisions were made by local Muslim leaders to move the bulk of rice and foodstuffs to Calcutta, which was deemed more important and more defensible, leaving millions in the rural areas without adequate food supplies.

The Japanese never came, and before it was over millions were dead of starvation, most of whom, ironically, were also Muslims. They died because crops were hoarded to avoid them from getting into the hands of an enemy that never came. They died because of fear.

Fear is the chief enemy of faithfulness. It is the great immobilizer; it has frozen many people in their tracks and kept them from accomplishing all they were created to do in God's kingdom. Fear caused the Israelites to grumble and complain as God was about to deliver them from Pharaoh's advancing army. Fear froze the armies of Israel before Goliath, it caused the disciples to wake Jesus from His sleep in the midst of a storm, it caused Peter to deny Jesus during the passion.

Many great people who ultimately proved to be faithful, along the way were tempted to give up. Our text this morning gives us insight into how we as Christians can overcome fear, specifically the fear that keeps us from being effective servants in God's kingdom. It tells us how to be steadfast and faithful.

Paul had poured his life into Timothy. He had worked hard at developing him into the person he would need to be to assume the responsibilities he would one day inherit. Timothy, however, by personality and nature is not one we as humans would normally deem fit for the task. Shy and retiring, timid and fearful by nature.

God does not see things as man sees them. Whereas man looks at the external appearances, God looks at the heart. God sees us, not based upon what we can do, but based upon what He can do through us.

### **I. We overcome fear and remain faithful by reassuring one another (vv. 3-4)**

The nature of this letter is intensely personal. Paul loved Timothy as a son, and writes to him as a father would write to a son. While he is painfully honest, notice that before he calls upon Timothy to rekindle the flame within him and abandon his fear, he begins with words of reassurance, words that encourage and strengthen.

All of us need words of reassurance. All of us need someone who will love us enough to encourage us. In verses 3 and 4 Paul says five things that speak to reassurance. Five ways to reassure one another:

- 1. Gratitude - I am thankful for you (v. 3)** -It's always encouraging to know that someone can appreciate what God has done through you and is thankful to God for you.
- 2. Faithfulness - I am praying for you (v. 3)** Paul was quick to let Timothy know that he was making intercession on his behalf. One of the most encouraging things I have ever experienced as a pastor is the knowledge that there are folks out there praying for me, praying that God will protect me, will use me and will continue to guide me.
- 3. Fellowship - I want to spend time with you (v. 4)** -It had been some time since Paul and Timothy had been able to visit with one another. And yet time and distance had in no way diminished the strength of their friendship
- 4. Empathy - I know what you are going through (v. 4)** -Some say that Paul is referring to when they had to part ways, and Timothy wept, others hold that the difficulties Timothy had experienced in ministry had led to tears. Anyone who has spent a substantive time in ministry understands that sometimes the going gets tough. Sometimes the stresses and strains, the disappointments and difficulties lead you to tears. Jesus wept out of compassion for those He loved and anyone who has taken up their cross and is following Him will also, at times, be driven to tears. It is encouraging to realize that others understand what we are going through and can empathize with us.

5. **Blessing - You are a blessing to me (v. 4)** -Paul saw Timothy as one of the blessings God had given him. It is always encouraging to know that you've been a blessing to others. We overcome fear by reassuring one another.

## II. **We overcome fear and remain faithful by Remembering what Jesus has done in our lives (v.5)**

As a people we have a tremendous capacity to forget. We forget that we are not where we are simply because of our own efforts.

1. **Genuine faith**- but Paul says, "Timothy, I've seen a lot of Christians in my day, and from all of my experience, from all my observation, son you've got the real thing, yours is the genuine article."
2. **Godly family**-Timothy had been blessed to grow up in a Christian home. His mother and grandmother were both believers who, according to chapter 3:15, had taught the scriptures to Timothy from an early age. Paul was reminding him that this call on his life, this evidence of faith was not some anomaly; it was part of his spiritual heritage, part of the blessing God has bestowed upon him.

Paul wanted Timothy to remember that God had been working His plan even before Timothy was born. God was bringing that plan to fruition in Timothy's life, and the reality of God's work through Timothy's faith and his family was something that should give him strength and enable him to overcome his fears. -We overcome fear by remembering what Jesus has done in our lives.

III. **We overcome fear and remain faithful by rekindling the gifts God has given us (v. 6)** -Doubts and fears have a tendency to cause us to let the flame of passion, the fire for action burn low in our lives.

Timothy had been called by God to oversee the ministries in the church. He was called to be a pastor and I can assure you that, as a pastor, there will always be those who want to test your mettle, to see how tough you really are. They caused him to be fearful rather than faithful.

The Greek word here, translated "keep ablaze," or "kindle afresh," literally means "keep the fire alive." Allow me to suggest four things that I believe will continuously add fuel to your fire and keep it burning brightly within you.

1. **Strong in your walk** -This speaks to both your walk with God and your walk with the family of God. We have a tendency to grow cold when our quiet times with God fall by the wayside, or when we cease to have fellowship with other Christians. Our fellowship with God keeps us connected to the source of our fire, and God has given us other Christians to fan that flame, to hold us accountable, to encourage us, to exhort us and to work along side of us. If you want the flame for ministry, the passion for service to burn hot within your spirit, you must stay strong in your walk.

2. **Spiritual in your worship**- We should see it as a reflection of our love for God. When what we do for God becomes more of a ritualistic practice than a relational passion, the fire within us will grow cold and die.

**3. Study in the word**-It is nearly impossible to stay solid in your walk, to be spiritual in your worship and keep the fires alive when you absent yourself from time in the word of God. Like the prophet says in Jeremiah 20:9, "But His word was in my heart like a burning fire." If you want to keep the fire burning within you, study the word and it will ignite your soul.

**4. Steady in your work**-Keep your priorities what they need to be

**IV. We overcome fear and remain faithful by Relying on God's strength (v. 7)**- The strength of man will always leave you fearful. There is always someone bigger, someone better, someone stronger, someone of whom, in your own strength, you should fear. One of the reasons so many Christians give in to fear is because they look at things from the point of view of their own humanity. "Can I do it?" they ask themselves. "Can I afford it?" they question in their fear. And the answer is nearly always "No." Timothy was fearful because the flame within him had burned low. The faith within him was weak and in need of exercise. Instead of giving in to fear, which is inconsistent with the very nature of the Spirit of God, we are told that we have been possessed by His Spirit, one of power, of love and of sound judgement.

## Application

**1. Be an encourager**

**2. Be mindful of the past** -Look back on where you are and where you have been. Yes, you may be in a difficult position now, but if you'd be honest, you've been in difficult times before. Has God not always been faithful to you before? And will He not continue to be faithful to you in the future. Even as Timothy was encouraged to recognize that which God had done in his life, this morning God is calling upon each of us to look to all He has done, to remember that He who has been faithful will ever be faithful. He will never leave you or forsake you. He will not leave you alone. He will accomplish in you all He has ordained.

**3. Be active in the present** -One of the best ways to overcome fear is to step forward in action. Make no mistake - young David was afraid when he went to fight Goliath. He was human and therefore it was natural for him to be afraid, but he did not let his fear immobilize him. Stepping out in faith he took action. The only way to overcome your fear is by exercising your faith, and faith without action is not really faith. You may be here this morning and God has given you clear instructions as to what He wants you to do. He has shown you what it is He wants to accomplish through you. But fear has gripped you. It has intimidated you and is keeping you from the blessings of obedience. This morning God is telling you to exercise your faith, to step out in action and as you exercise your faith, as you put that faith in action, your fear will disappear like a mist before the warmth of the sun. If you want to overcome your fear this morning you must take action.

**4. Be reliant on the Spirit**-This is the spiritual realm where we walk by faith and not by sight, where we trust in God and not in ourselves, where we are not calculating our success based on what we can do, but rather by what we know God can do through us as we yield to His Spirit and trust in His strength.

## Week #2

# 2 Timothy 1:5-11

## “Stir it up”!

<sup>5</sup> I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. <sup>6</sup> This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. <sup>9</sup> For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. <sup>11</sup> And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

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“Instructions In Perseverance”. (cbd pastors)*

### **Review Questions:**

1. I remember your genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What are the names of the two women that taught Timothy about Jesus?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ gift of God.
4. God has \_\_\_\_\_ given us a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but of \_\_\_\_\_, love and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Never be \_\_\_\_\_ to tell others about our Lord.
6. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ of me either.
7. Be ready \_\_\_\_\_ with me for the sake of the Good News.
8. God \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us to a holy life.
9. He did this, not because we \_\_\_\_\_ it, but because it was His \_\_\_\_\_ before the beginning of time.
10. And now He has made all this \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
11. He broke the power of \_\_\_\_\_ and illuminated the way.

Let's make this personal, to "me". I have genuine faith because Jesus saved me by my faith. Genuine, yes! I truly love Jesus and My Abba Father. I do, so much want to please them (not just "do" a lot of works as an "effort" to obtain His love or approval").

God has given all of us gifts, if you're not sure what your service gift is, pray, ask God to show you, He will. You might be surprised to find out you've been using your gift(s) and just didn't realize it. We as Christians, are all called to share Jesus with others. That doesn't mean we are, or have to be a teacher, preacher or missionary in a church or full-time ministry. **God wants us to "stir up" and use our gifts for Him. Living the example of Jesus and what the Word of God says is a gift to the lost.**

If you know your gift and you've grown cold or indifferent towards God or others, repent, ask God to forgive you and "stir up" and move back into the joy of serving again. Sometimes, this joy to serve will come immediately upon repentance, but most of the time, you have to fight the negative lies Satan continually throws at you and just "press on" persevere, endure, fight the good fight of faith! Keep praying, confessing and asking God to change your heart and renew your mind through quoting scriptures God gives you, in order to "get through" your valley days. The rain will come, **don't give up!** If you have some friends that are real and supportive and can be trusted, get them to pray for and with you, don't keep it all to yourself if you really need to talk to someone.

Just remember, talk to God first and know that the deliverance will come "from Him" alone and don't get to caught up in, depending on or leaning on others too much. There is a lesson to be learned! The quicker we learn it, and quit fighting and complaining about it, the quicker we pass the test and move on. There will always be new tests, **so dress for battle!**

**Pray**-without ceasing

**Study**- get to know Gods Word

**Establish**- a personal relationship with the Father and listen to the Holy Spirit when He speaks to you. Quiet Time..

***God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.***

Don't be "ashamed" of knowing Jesus as your personal Savior. Share what He did for you with others. Know His Word so you are built up in Him and the Holy Spirit, who gives you strength and courage to share your faith in Jesus. If you're ashamed of God, He will be ashamed of you. Some people are born with bolder, more outgoing personalities, and sharing Jesus might appear to be easier with them.

**Jesus perfect love casts out fear!** As you learn and grow from infancy (baby Christian), God will give you more and more confidence in Him to share your faith in Him. God does not get in a hurry like we do. He will gently guide you. Living a Christian Life is being a light and walking out in obedience what the Bible says. That's not being ashamed! Just talk to God; everyday ask Him to help you share Him with others. One step at a time, there is power in His Word! It's alive and active and powerful!

Share in Jesus sufferings, that could be a “written book” in addition to the Bible; we will assuredly have plenty of opportunities to walk in this. Don’t let them get you down. God uses these times to make changes in us that will help us be more like Him.

*It “hurts good” as I always say.*

God calls all of us and saves all that ask Him for salvation. We are not saved by our works, they are a “result” and evidence of our salvation. We have a new heart and should “yearn” to be more like Jesus. In order to do that, we need to know the scriptures and be filled with His Holy Spirit afresh each day. Paul is talking about being called and appointed as a preacher to the Gentiles in Timothy. Let’s take Gods Word “Personal”! We are all called to serve and share Jesus!

## Week #3

# 2 Timothy 1:12-18

## “Keep on Keepin’ On”

<sup>12</sup>That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.<sup>13</sup> Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you. <sup>15</sup>As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes.<sup>16</sup> May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me. He was never ashamed of me because I was in chains. <sup>17</sup>When he came to Rome, he searched everywhere until he found me. <sup>18</sup>May the Lord show him special kindness on the day of Christ’s return. And you know very well how helpful he was in Ephesus.

*What you heard from me, keep as the “pattern” of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. “Guard” the good deposit that was entrusted to you, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.*

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*“When All is Said and Done”. (cbd pastors)*

### *Review Questions:*

1. Where is Paul at in this book?
2. Paul is not \_\_\_\_\_ and neither should we be of Jesus Christ.
3. He (God) is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ what I have \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
4. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ to the pattern of \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the precious \_\_\_\_\_ that has been entrusted to you.
6. May the Lord show special \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What did Onesiphorus do for Paul when he visited him?
8. Onesiphorus was never \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What you heard from me, keep as the \_\_\_\_\_ of sound teaching.

# The Gospel Project – Sermon Outline Session 12 -Title: God Speaks . . . and We Must Interpret His Word Text: 2 Timothy 2:15

Connection to Unit Theme: God speaks to His people by His Spirit through His Word. In order for us to understand God's Word rightly, we must interpret it appropriately. Doing so requires understanding the different types of literature (genres) used in the Bible and reading each type accordingly.

## **Introduction Idea**

As you know, we are focusing these last four weeks of our "God Speaks" series on the Word of God and our response to it. In today's message, we want to focus on reading God's Word rightly in order to understand His message clearly. We must have a clear understanding of God's Word before we can correctly apply it to our lives. Recognizing the different genres used in Scripture and reading each type accordingly will help us interpret God's Word faithfully, understand it clearly, and apply it correctly.

## **Sermon Division I – Interpreting Scripture rightly requires a right heart (v. 15a)**

Paul is writing to Timothy, his son in the faith, and the young pastor of the church in Ephesus. Paul begins his admonition to Timothy by telling him to "be diligent" (strive) to present himself to God as one who is "approved" (that is, one that has been tested and found to be pure, like tested metal). If he lives in such a manner, he will have no reason to be "ashamed." There were those around the young Timothy who had reason to be ashamed. They had been tested and found lacking. Some were self-serving. Others had been caught up in doctrinal error and/or arguments. Some would simply tell people what they wanted to hear. Timothy's commitment to Christ – and ours – must be rooted in our faith in Him. When that is the case, the trials of life only serve to demonstrate that our faith is grounded in Christ.

the greatest requirement for doing so is depending on the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all truth. But what are some practical steps we can employ as we seek the Spirit's leadership and guidance? 1. Consider the Context – One of the most important issues in interpreting the Bible correctly is that of context. There are several factors to consider here. What is the immediate context – what is happening in this verse and the surrounding verses?

3. Consider the Genre – What is the type of literature you are reading? Is it a historical narrative – telling a story? Is it prophecy, where the prophet of God is either fore-telling a future event or forth-telling God's message to His people? Is it wisdom literature?

3. Consider the Meaning – Any given passage of Scripture can only have one meaning, that being the meaning God the Holy Spirit intended when He inspired men to write it down. When we consider the words in a passage, in their context, according to the literary type (genre), guided by the Holy Spirit, we can discover their meaning. While some passages are admittedly more difficult to understand than others, we believe in the perspicuity of Scripture – that the Bible is sufficiently clear for us to understand the meaning God intended and its implications for our lives. A good rule of thumb for difficult passages is to interpret them in light of ones that are clearer.

4. Consider the Application – While passages of Scripture have only one meaning, they can have multiple applications for how they should be applied. The question is, are you reading simply to understand the meaning? Or, are you reading so that, understanding it rightly, you may obey it fully?

Application: The question is not, can we "rightly divide the Word of Truth?" The question is, will we do the hard work of presenting ourselves to God as those who have been tried and tested, unashamed, because we have handled His Word well, both understanding it and living it out?

**Conclusion Idea** - Our first understanding of the Word of God should be coming to an awareness of our own sin and need for a Savior. After that, we must seek to understand God's Word rightly and live it out faithfully and obediently, by the power of His Spirit, for the sake of His glory.

#### **Word Search:**

**Suffer**= forced to endure, undergo, put up with unavoidable, endure pain or distress.

**Ashamed**=guilt, disgrace, feeling unworthy or inferior.

**Believe**= firm faith, firm conviction, honest, consider true.

**Keep**= fulfill, promise, watch over and defend, maintain

**Committed**= entrust, obligate, bind, put in charge.

**Loyal**= faithful allegiance, faithful

**Dwells**= remain for a time, exist

- Life has suffering (unavoidable pain)
- We are not to be ashamed of God/ Jesus/ our relationship with Him.
- Stand firm on your convictions, be loyal to serve God.
- When we are saved, we are kept secure and Heaven bound with the seal of redemption.
- Hang on to the Word Of God.
- Walk in love and faith.
- Be committed.
- Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and counselor given to us at salvation.

People will turn away from you. Not everyone will be receptive to your witnessing to them about Jesus. Rejection is a part of “life” and most assuredly in ministry. Also, when you decide to take a stand for Jesus and change some old lifestyle ways, you may lose some so called “friends”.

Light and darkness don’t get along at all! Jesus was rejected, we often forget what He went through; remembering gives us hope, strength, faith and encouragement.

Thank God for the supportive sisters and brothers in Christ. Thank God for Christian fellowship and accountability. Thank God for mercy. Continue and be steadfast, determined, persevere in your walk with God.

**GRACE= divine assistance for daily living. Fill us overflowing.**

We win! There is FREEDOM in “endurance” As Christians, we are in this world, but we are not supposed to live as the unsaved and worldly lost people. The world should see a difference in us. Our life should “shine” differently. No one (you and I) should entangle herself with the affairs of this life, that she may “please Him-Jesus” who enlisted her as a soldier.

We are “enlisted” (if we are saved) in God’s service! Father help us to leave our homes dressed for battle every morning. As always, and forever, until I see you in Heaven, please bring this teaching to our minds throughout our day.



## Week #4

# 2 Timothy 2:1-7 “R U Enlisted as A Soldier”?

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus-2 Timothy, my dear son, **be strong through the grace that God gives you** in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>**You have heard me teach** things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. **Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people** who will be able to **pass them on to others.**<sup>3</sup> **Endure suffering** along with me, as a **good soldier of Christ Jesus.** <sup>4</sup>**Soldiers don't get tied** up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. <sup>5</sup>And **athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules.** <sup>6</sup>And **hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit** of their labor. <sup>7</sup>Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.

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*Title of Video to watch for this lesson will be: 2 Timothy 2:1-7*

*“Be Strong in Grace”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. What is the title of this lesson?
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ that God gives you in Christ Jesus.
3. You have \_\_\_\_\_ me teach.
4. Now \_\_\_\_\_ these truths to \_\_\_\_\_ trustworthy \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_ them to others.
5. Endure \_\_\_\_\_ as a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
6. \_\_\_\_\_ don't get \_\_\_\_\_ up with the affairs of \_\_\_\_\_ life, for then they \_\_\_\_\_ please the officer who \_\_\_\_\_ them.
7. Athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ unless they follow the rules.
8. Hardworking \_\_\_\_\_ should be the first to the fruit of their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Teach others to teach.** You hear Gods Word from others, pass it on, share it. Faithful leaders need to be taught to be leaders too. Endurance, do you think you got that word thus far? I think we have used it in every lesson, do you think God is trying to tell us something? What's a soldier's real responsibility anyway?

What does "competition" mean to you?

Can this be "good or bad"?

Gotta follow the rules?

Do rewards come "after" you've worked hard and reached your goals?

Do you set goals?

How do you set them?

Short term?

Long term?

What do these questions have to do with this lesson?

### **Commentary Notes:**

What about the athlete who competes in the game? In order to "receive" the reward, he must obey the rules of the game. So, it is in Christian Service. How many fall out before they reach the finish line, disqualified because they did not maintain an unquestioning obedience to the Word of God. (bfc note: we are not saved nor kept by works, its faith in Jesus alone that saves us and gives eternal salvation and redemption!)

#### **What are some "rules" in connection with Christian service?**

1. The Christian must practice self-discipline 2. He must not fight with carnal weapons, but spiritual ones. 3. He must keep himself pure. 4. He must not strive, be patient.

The hardworking farmer must be first partaker of the crops. The one who labors to bring forth the crops has a prior right to participate in them. The farmer must endure, the athlete must keep the rules and the farmer must work hard. Each of these occupations has its own responsibilities, and each brings its own rewards.

This particular commentary speaks a lot about rules and works to receive rewards. There is truth in this for sure, but it also makes me wonder, after reading these verses and hearing what is said, "IF" a person could be confused or think "works and rules" are what you "DO" to reach Heaven = Reward.

**Read James— Faith without works is dead,** they do work hand in hand! Hebrews chapter 11 is another good place to go for additional confirmation regarding this subject, if you have time for more study, and need further understanding today. Verse 5 starts out... AND ALSO... After our last lesson on 2:1-4; endure hardship as a soldier.

The word AND also makes the difference in reading these 3 verses, they go with verses 1-4 AND IF, taken "out of context" could be "turned around or misinterpreted and misunderstood". That is what I am finally getting as I sit here AND keep looking at all of these verses. **LIGHT BULB JUST**

## ***CAME ON!***

Be “careful” in your studying, to keep the scripture in context so you receive “all the truth”. Now let’s look at verse 7. **Consider** (*think and ponder on it a while*) **what I** (Paul) **say**, (*Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit upon writing this word*) **AND may the Lord give you (us) understanding in ALL things. Praise God! He did that today!** I wanted to be sure I was receiving these verses accurately prior to sharing with you. I received confirmation through other scriptures in God’s Word and my husband. Father, give myself AND all that study your word with me, “understanding” to know what the scripture really says AND not get something out of context or be misled by anyone else’s error or interpretations. We want your interpretation, divine wisdom and revelations AND understanding, to pass on to others and walk out correctly in our lives.



## Week #5

### 2 Timothy 2:8-14

## “R U Chained Up With The Ole Ball & Chain”?

<sup>8</sup> **Always remember** that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. **This is the Good News** I preach. <sup>9</sup> And because I preach this Good News, **I am suffering** and have been chained like a criminal. But **the word of God cannot be chained**. <sup>10</sup> So I am willing to endure anything if it will **bring salvation** and eternal glory in Christ Jesus **to those God has chosen**.

<sup>11</sup> This is a **trustworthy saying**: **If we die with him, we will also live with him**.

<sup>12</sup> **If we endure hardship, we will reign with him**. **If we deny him, he will deny us**.

<sup>13</sup> **If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful**, for he cannot deny who he is. **Remind everyone** about these things, and command them in God’s presence to **stop fighting over words**. Such **arguments are useless**, and they can ruin those who hear them.

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“Good News and Bad News”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. Always \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.
2. This is the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Bring salvation to those God has \_\_\_\_\_.
6. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ saying, we die, we \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
7. If we \_\_\_\_\_ hardship, we will \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
8. If we \_\_\_\_\_ Him, He will \_\_\_\_\_ us.
9. If we are unfaithful, He \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone about these things.
11. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ are useless, they can \_\_\_\_\_ those that hear them.

## Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 – Lifeway Resources

### Introduction

The life of a Roman Legionnaire was anything but easy. They usually enlisted at the age of 19 to 20 and were bound to serve for 20 years. Theirs was a difficult existence. They marched 25 miles a day in formation, then when they stopped for the night, they would build a camp. The camp consisted of a 12-foot earthen wall and a 12-foot mote all the way around it. The average legion had nearly 6000 men in it so the camp would have been massive. It had with wooden gates and streets marked out, with tents and campfires. The next morning, after bread and water for breakfast they would burn the camp and set out on their march again, only to build another camp after another 25 miles. This was their daily existence. This was what they endured for the sake of the earthly kingdom of Rome.

As Paul writes this letter to Timothy, he is chained to one of these Roman soldiers.

As we read through this book, it is easy to see that Paul is concerned about Timothy. He is concerned about Timothy's courage, about his commitment to continuing the ministry God had given him and he is concerned that Timothy, who was by nature somewhat timid and afraid, will not be willing to pay the price to fulfill his calling.

There are four things to which Paul calls our attention this morning. I. Don't be distracted from the centrality of the gospel

As in our day, so it was in Paul's day, there are many good things which Christians can do, all the while ignoring the best. Paul wanted to be sure that Timothy was aware that the gospel should be central to all he did. He did not want Timothy, like so many of the others, to go astray and begin focusing on things which were or no eternal value. As he would say in chapter three, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof - ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of truth." This was what Paul was warning Timothy against, against allowing himself to be caught up in. He did not want him to get sidetracked.

There are many people who, with the best of intentions, have allowed themselves to get caught up in good things, which cause them to ignore the best. Paul wanted Timothy to keep in the very forefront of his mind the reality that the gospel of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, should be central to his preaching and central to his ministry, lest he be led astray.

Look at the second part of verse 9 where Paul says that in spite of his suffering, in spite of his chains, the gospel is unshackled, it is not in chains.

This is the third thing I would have you notice in this text. III. The gospel's power is not bound

Even though Paul was in chains, he knew good and well that outside the walls of his prison the gospel was continuing to spread like a wildfire.

False religions cannot bind the gospel. Even today, in places where it is illegal to be a Christian the Gospel is spreading like wildfire. People are coming to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior around the world. Why? Because you cannot bind the gospel. You could sooner tame the oceans and bind the tidal waters than bind the gospel. It cannot be stopped.

While Paul uses the word elect, which speaks to being chosen by God, the focus here is not on the doctrine of predestination, but rather on the necessity of predetermination in the hearts and minds of those who follow Christ to remain faithful, to endure, to do whatever it takes to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to hear the gospel.

Paul's passion for seeing others come to know Christ was so great and he was so dedicated that he lived with a predetermination to make sure everyone heard the gospel.

He is telling Timothy, and you and me today that if we will be followers of Christ, if we will take the name of Jesus upon ourselves and call ourselves His disciples, we too must be willing to endure, we too must live with this predetermination that we will not quit, when the going gets tough, we will not give up.

**BFC:**

Live after death! = Heaven—Sealed—Eternal Life- Salvation—Raised with Jesus to New Life; our old man or woman (sinner) dies and a new woman / man is born. Walking out Gods Word—being a Christ like example. Having a Godly lifestyle is not “popular with this world”. You will stand alone many, many times in your walk with the Father, but He will never leave you!

Praise God we live in America! We have freedom to worship and share the gospel, free to live a Christian Lifestyle, NO CHAINS on us. The only way we could be “chained” is by our wrong choices and disobedience to what Gods Word shows us or when the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, which sin weighs us down like a “ball and chain”.

Knowing we're saved, don't forget our eternal glory that awaits us. I don't really think a lot about going to Heaven, I just have full assurance (NO DOUBT) and faith knowing that's where I am going when I die or Jesus comes, whichever one comes first, I am ready, are you?

I think, as we grow older, our priorities and even broken family relationships change; we begin to realize time is short and we need to make the most of our time and actions. James 4:4... Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world, is an enemy of God. (See James bible study for more clarification on this verse if you need it)

Die to sin... live in Jesus. Endure the battles = Reigning with Jesus = Crown of Glory.

Deny Him (don't accept Him as your personal savior) He will deny you (your choice!) When we're not faithful and we falter or fail Him, He never moves (we do). He is steadfast, unmovable, faithful to the end.

***LIGHT BULB!! END ..urance—stay in there to the END. Endurance takes you to and through the END.***

The verse:..... Not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. What does this mean??Tell the truth, understand and share God’s Word for what it really says, without adding to or taking away from it.

Don’t pull scripture “out of context” to make it seem to say something you want it to say or something that is inaccurate for sharing, we are “accountable” for how we use the Word.



## Week #6

# 2 Timothy 2:15-19

## “Painstaking”

*From My Heart & Other Resources:*

An Approved Worker-<sup>15</sup> **Work hard** so you can **present yourself to God** and **receive his approval**. **Be a good worker**, one who does **not need to be ashamed** and who **correctly explains the word of truth**. <sup>16</sup> Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. <sup>17</sup> This kind of **talk spreads like cancer**, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. <sup>18</sup> They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, **they have turned some people away from the faith**.<sup>19</sup> But **God’s truth stands firm** like a **foundation stone** with this inscription: **“The LORD knows those who are his,”** and **“All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil.”**

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*“Basic Instructions”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ so you can \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to God.
2. Be a good \_\_\_\_\_, one that does not need to be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ explain the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.
4. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ talk that only leads to more godless behavior.
5. Talk spreads like \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They have turned some \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith.
7. Gods truth \_\_\_\_\_ firm.
8. Gods truth is like a \_\_\_\_\_ stone.
9. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
10. All who belong to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ turn \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

### Words for today

**Diligent**=steady, earnest, painstaking

**Approved**=favorable view, endorse, certify

**Ashamed**=guilt, disgrace, inferior, unworthy

**Divide**=separate into two or more parts, distribute, disunited.

**Shun**=avoid deliberately

**Increase**=progressively greater, multiply, enlarge

**Babbings**=meaningless sounds, talk foolish, meaningless repetitive manner, talk to freely

**Cancer**=enlarged growth, disease marked with growth

**Stray**=wander, roam about without direction, be distracted from chain of thought, to err, sin

**Seal**=confirmation, guarantee, assurance, closure that must be broke to be opened and that thus reveals tampering.

**Iniquity**=gross injustice, wickedness, sin.

**Scripture Confirmation: Ephesians 1:13-14** - In Him, you also trusted, AFTER you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, YOU WERE SEALED with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is a guarantee of our inheritance "until" the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**(Redemption= to take back, buy, free from distress or harm, ransom, free from captivity)**

Have you received your inheritance? Do you know without a doubt, you are saved and have Jesus Christ in your heart and you are going to Heaven when you die?

***Let's dig deeper and share Gods assurance to show you, that you need not doubt your salvation and if you're not saved, God would speak to your heart right now and you would stop and pray, ask Jesus into your heart; confess you're a sinner and need Jesus to save you right now!***

**(Ephesians 1:11-14)**-NIV version: In Him we were also "chosen" having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were "included" in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation. Having believed, you were "marked in Him with a seal", the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are Gods possession-to the praise of His glory.

### Words:

**Chosen**=elect person, selected or "marked" for favor or special privilege.

**Predestined**=to destine, decree

**Determine**=appoint or settle beforehand

**Included**=enclose-to shut-to take in or comprise as part of a larger portion or part

**Guaranteed**=security, an agreement by which one person undertakes to secure another in the possessions or enjoyment of something

***Now were pulling out the ole Commentary for Ephesians verses.***

As for Christians of Jewish ancestry, Paul writes, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance”. Their right to share is not based on their former national privileges, but solely on their union with Christ. The inheritance here looks forward to the time when they and all true believers will be manifested to an amazed world as the Body of Christ, the Bride of the Lamb.

From all eternity, these Jewish Christians were MARKED by the sovereign will of God, “being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will”. The purpose of this predestination was that, they should be to the praise of His glory. In other words, they are trophies of the grace of God, exhibiting what He can do with such unlikely raw materials, thus bringing glory to Him.

Paul and his Christian contemporaries of Jewish background trusted in the Messiah before the rest of the nation, that is why he uses the description, “we..... Who have trusted beforehand in Christ”? Verse 13—Now Paul switches from believers who had been born Jews, to those who had been born Gentiles

**Paul indicates this by changing from “we” to “you”.**

**They Heard the gospel.**

**They Believed in Christ.**

**They were Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.**

Having heard the message, they made a commitment of themselves to Christ by a decisive act of faith. The Lord Jesus is the true object of faith. Salvation is found in Him alone. As soon as they believed, they were SEALED with the Holy Spirit of Promise!

This means, that every true believer receives the Holy Spirit of God as a sign that he belongs to God and that he or she will be kept safe by God until the time he or she receives their glorified body. Just as in a legal matter, a seal indicated ownership and security, so as does divine affairs. The indwelling Spirit brands us as Gods property. Our seal is called: The Holy Spirit of Promise—the Holy Spirit is our guarantee of eternal inheritance. This is a down payment, pledging that the full amount will be paid. It is the same in kind as the full payment, but not the same in amount. As soon as we are saved, the Holy Spirit begins to “reveal” to us the riches that are ours in Christ. His seal guarantees that we ourselves will be kept safely for the inheritance—HEAVEN. Thank you, Jesus, —

#### **Believers Bible Commentary on vs.16-18**

Profane and idle babblings are teachings that are irreverent, evil and useless. It is not profitable for the people and should be shunned. The way in which evil teachings “spread like cancer”. Most of us know only too well how this dread disease spreads rapidly in the human body, destroying tissue wherever it goes. Two men are named whose teachings were corrupting the local church in today’s lesson.

Because they failed to handle the word of truth correctly, they take their place with others in Christs hall of shame. There false teachings were exposed, and Paul recognized this as a serious threat to the truth of Christianity.

**Today's lesson paraphrased with the definitions we looked up. (bfc)  
Blessings!**

*Be diligent, be steady in dealing with painstaking situations and present yourself approved, favorable to God. Be that worker, (servants heart attitude) that does not need to be ashamed or feel inferior or unworthy as you are learning to rightly divide; share accurately the word of truth, Gods Word. Be sure to shun, avoid profane and vain, foolish, meaningless, talk, it will only increase and multiply into more sin and ungodliness in your life.*

*Any other message, other than the truth from Gods Word, would be like cancer and spread disease and lies into innocent hearts. Steer Clear! Run from this type of teachings!*

## Week #7

# 2 Timothy 2:20-26 “What R U Made Of”?

<sup>20</sup> In a wealthy home some **utensils** are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The **expensive** utensils are used for **special occasions**, and the **cheap** ones are for everyday use. <sup>21</sup> If you **keep yourself pure**, you will be a **special utensil for honorable use**. **Your life will be clean**, and you will **be ready for the Master to use you for every good work**.<sup>22</sup> Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. **Instead, pursue** righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. **Enjoy** the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

<sup>23</sup> **Again** I say, **don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments** that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord **must not quarrel** but must be kind to everyone, **be able to teach**, and **be patient with difficult people**. <sup>25</sup> **Gently instruct** those who oppose the truth. **Perhaps God will change those people's hearts**, and they will learn the truth. <sup>26</sup> Then they will **come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap**. For they have been **held captive** by him to do whatever he wants.

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“The Peacemaking Pastor” a “Appraising Your Heart”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. What's the title of today's lesson?
2. What kind of utensils are in some wealthy homes?
3. What are the expensive utensils used for?
4. What do you think these verses are really talking about regarding “utensils” (or vessels in some bible versions)?
5. If you keep yourself \_\_\_\_\_ you will be a \_\_\_\_\_ for honorable use.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ from anything that stimulates youthful lusts.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ righteous living, \_\_\_\_\_, love and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the companionship of those who \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I say, don't get involved in \_\_\_\_\_ that only start fights.
10. A servant must not \_\_\_\_\_.
11. We should be able to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Who has been held captive?

If I am understanding this correctly, it's saying, to me; In the great house=the church where we gather to hear Gods Word; some are saved (gold and silver) and some are lost (wood and clay). And then the word tells us, if the latter (wood and clay, the lost souls) lost people receive Jesus as their personal Savior, they become a vessel of honor = saved by grace and they too, can pursue a live that is pleasing to God as they grow and learn how to walk by faith, love and peace.

They too, can be a servant for God and be prepared for every good work (Teachers, preachers, missionaries—show and disciple them) We get prepared as we grow closer to God in prayer and knowing what the Bible says. It shows us “how to” be vessels of gold and silver. It also ends by telling us to “avoid” ignorant disputes because they only generate strife!

- Be a woman with a servant's heart.
- Keep peace as much as possible, don't quarrel and argue, don't sow discord among the sisters, avoid gossip and competitive and jealous spirits.
- Have a heart to share what wisdom God shows you, so you can help encourage others.
- Be patient with others and in those “waiting on God” moments, days, weeks, months and years.
- Have a humble attitude and show mercy when you have to correct those in error or opposition of the truth. A proud and haughty spirit won't get you anywhere and is displeasing to God.
- When sharing the gospel with a lost person, do so in a spirit of love and grace; so, they may see and hear Jesus in you and want the light that shines from within your eyes and soul..... If God perhaps will grant them repentance, so they will know the truth (salvation by faith) and they come to their senses and “escape the snare of the devil”; having been his captive and doing what he's been saying for so long!

**The Great Escape! Avoid the death traps! Freedom from Captivity—through the one and only, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.**

## Week #8

# 2 Timothy 3:1-9

## “It’s NOT All About Me”!

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. <sup>3</sup> They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. <sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

<sup>5</sup> They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! <sup>6</sup> They are the kind who work their way into people’s homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. <sup>7</sup> (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.) <sup>8</sup> These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. <sup>9</sup> But they won’t get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres.

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*Title of Video to watch for this lesson will be: 2 Timothy 3:1-9*

*“These Last Days”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. In the \_\_\_\_\_ days there will be \_\_\_\_\_ times.
2. People with \_\_\_\_\_ and their money.
3. They will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They will be unloving and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They will \_\_\_\_\_ their friends.
6. They will act \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ the power that could make them \_\_\_\_\_. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ from people like that.
7. They have \_\_\_\_\_ minds and a \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone will recognize what \_\_\_\_\_ they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres.

- Things that will result in Death—Spiritually and Eternally
- Selfishness, self-seeking, love self-more than God
- Greediness
- Pride, haughty and stubbornness
- Liars
- Hatred
- Lack of Mercy
- Out of control temperaments
- Outright meanness and cruelty
- Two faced traitors

Having a ‘form of godliness’ but “denying the power of God and His Word”.

Run from these people, don’t keep company with them. They are always learning (head knowledge, not heart, salvation from God. Religion can take a person straight to hell. I know that’s bold, but the truth will set us free) AND never able to come to the knowledge of truth.

- The right “resisting” is found in the Book of James, “submit” to God RESIST the devil and he will flee from you.
- The truth will set us free—Know Gods Word.
- Corruption has no part of a faith walk.
- Renew our minds with Gods Word.
- “Progress” is not a part of a sin filled life. Sin will end in some type of destruction.
- Be sure your sins will find you out, the truth always comes out one way or another.
- God sees everything.

**Believers Bible Commentary:** Paul assures Timothy that these false teachers “will progress no further”. The difficulty here, is that in every age they seem to be prospering on every hand, and nothing seems to hinder their advance (False teachings). The probable meaning is that every system of error is eventually exposed. False systems come and go, one after another. Although they might seem to prosper mightily, and even for a long time, yet the time comes when their falsity becomes evident to all.

## Week #9

### 2 Timothy 3:10-17

## “R U Workin’ With the Right Equipment”?

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

<sup>13</sup> But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. <sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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#### Review Questions:

1. You know my \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ in Iconium.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ who wants to live a godly life in \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ persecution.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ those who taught you.
5. You have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Gods word gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to receive Salvation.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ breathed and is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us what is true to make us realize what is \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. It \_\_\_\_\_ us when we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us to do what is right. God \_\_\_\_\_ it to prepared and \_\_\_\_\_ his people to do \_\_\_\_\_ good work.

## The Gospel Project – Sermon Outline Session 10 -Title: God Speaks . . . and We Can Trust His Word Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We show our trust in God and His Word as we: 1) acknowledge that it is from Him; 2) allow God to transform our lives by it; and, 3) serve in His mission as He equips us to live our lives for His glory. We can trust God's Word to affect our lives (v. 16b).

It is not just part of the Word of God that is profitable, but rather all of it. We can be prone to focus only on the parts of Scripture that are familiar and/or comfortable to us. This passage should compel us to give ourselves to studying the whole of God's Word, knowing that God will use it to accomplish these purposes (doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness) in our lives. Ultimately, we know that God is working by the power of His Spirit, through His Word, to further conform us into the image of His Son. Application: Do you read the Word of God simply for information? Or, do you read for life transformation, allowing God to use it to teach, correct, reprove, and instruct you? Is God's Word affecting your life? If not, would you ask God to help you read His Word toward that end?

We can trust God's Word to prepare us for mission (v. 17)- As followers of Christ, perhaps our greatest "good work" for which God equips us is to obey the command of Christ to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:18-20). This command encompasses everything from growing in our own walk with Christ, to proclaiming the message of Christ in our own community and to the ends of the earth. We seek to live as growing disciples ourselves as we make disciples of others, including sharing the Gospel and, for those who trust Christ, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that Christ commanded. Because we trust God and believe that His Word is true, we not only allow His Word to work in our lives, we also take that Word to the ends of the earth, calling for others likewise to hear the Word of God and to submit to the God of the Word in repentance and faith in Christ.

### **BFC:**

Persecution! Endurance! Perseverance! Wait! Wait some more! Endure some more then some more! Come on already, I'm worn out! (Do you ever feel like this?) I'm not wavering in my faith or even in my saying: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! I am so close to depression; I can't function as I normally do! When does it end you say?"

Just remember, all this is an opportunity = chance to advance, but you say: "I am really, really weary and just exhausted! I am so ready to get to the other side of this valley. (person season in 2012) I'm looking forward to passing this test and helping others with their pain and encourage them to endure. We have five words for you today: ***Your Blessin' is on the way!!!***

We start right off the bat with "continue". You think God is trying to tell us something? **Endurance. Continue.** No stopping while passing through life. Thank God for the rewards awaiting us for faithfulness in Heaven.

This scripture lesson is quiet plain and forthright. I don't see a need for any additional explanation, even though I wanted to see what the ole commentary had to say about..... All scripture is inspired by God..... Verse 12 A Godly life exposes the wickedness in others and people don't like to be exposed.

### **Believers Bible Commentary:**

Instead of repenting of their ungodliness and turning to Christ, they seek to destroy the one who has shown them up for what they really are. It is totally irrational behavior, of course, but that is characteristic of the fallen man. If we know and obey scriptures, we won't be led away by subtle errors. The Holy Scriptures are spoken of as being continually able to make men / women wise for salvation. This means, first of all, that men learn the way of salvation through the Bible. It might also carry the thought that assurance of salvation comes through the Word of God.

Salvation is through faith which is in Christ Jesus. We should mark this well. It is not through good works, baptism, church membership, confirmation, obeying the 10 commandments, keeping the golden rule, or in any other way that involves human effort or merit. Salvation is through faith in the Son of God.

Verse 16 is one of the most important verses in the Bible on the subject of inspiration. It teaches that the scriptures ARE God-breathed. In a miraculous way. He communicated His Word to men / women and led them to write it down for permanent preservation. What they wrote WAS THE VERY WORD OF GOD.

The Word of God was and is, inspired and infallible. It is also true that the very words He used were words given to him by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our teacher. For reproof.... Concerns those things in our lives displeasing to God. For correction... It not only points out what is wrong but sets forth the way in which to make it right.



## Week #10

# 2 Timothy 4:1-4 “Tis The Season”

I solemnly **urge you** in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup> **Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.** <sup>3</sup> **For a time is coming** when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. **They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.** <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

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*Title of Video to watch for this lesson will be: 2 Timothy 4:1-4*

*“Preach the Word”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ whether the time is \_\_\_\_\_ or not.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ correct, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your people with good \_\_\_\_\_.
4. For a time is \_\_\_\_\_ when people will no longer \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and wholesome \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What does verse 3 say will happen when people no longer listen to wholesome teaching?

## The Gospel Project – Sermon Outline -Title: Following the Returning King Text: 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 11:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Times were similar when Jesus walked upon the earth. Matthew 9:35-37 says, "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages . . . when he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

The Lord's solution was to train His disciples, who would in turn train other leaders. The message must have taken root because decades later Peter would exhort the elders among his audience to "feed the flock" (1 Peter 5:1-2). The apostle Paul uses a similar theme in his letters to Timothy and Titus. The Good Shepherd continues to lead his flock through under-shepherds.

There are two primary ways that faithful shepherds do this: through their lives and through their lips. In 1 Timothy 4:7-8 Paul urges young Timothy to "train yourself for godliness." He is to do this because "godliness is of value in every way." Young Timothy would lead his congregation through the example of his personal holiness.

The best way for a faithful shepherd to "lead God's people to offer themselves up to Him in total devotion of worship and service" is to do so himself. And as others "see your progress" it will promote personal holiness in their lives as well. How shepherds live matters. They cannot separate their shepherding from who they are as believers. Faithful shepherds feed their flocks by paving the way for others to die to self and find life in Christ.

**Faithful shepherds feed the flock with their lips - 2 Timothy 4:1-2)** -In John 10:27 Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Sheep find their nourishment in the words of Jesus. Without the word of Christ, the sheep will wander aimlessly, never finding safe pasture. Today, sheep are fed when faithful shepherds proclaim the word of God.

### **BFC:**

This is a full plate with a lot of "meat" to chew on and swallow! Where do we start?

1. It talks about preaching. I'm not called to preach, so do I have to do anything with what God shows me from the Bible? (*note bfc: It's the year 2020 that I am re studying this book and a lot has changed. The way I study, and the time God has provided for my studies are different. I am finally comfortable with the gift and calling God has given me to teach and share the Word of God. Since I retired in 2017, I finally remembered what I asked for..... I wanted more time to study and share the word.... Look what God has done!! I retired way **before "I" had planned..** God has a plan and purpose for all of us. Join Him on His Journey for your life. Happy, Thankful, Blessed)*)

2. Who is going to be judged at His appearing?
3. What does the scripture mean, “be ready in season and out of season”?
4. How do “I” convince, rebuke, exhort, others with longsuffering and “teaching”? I’m not a teacher or preacher, this is not my job!
5. What does it mean “Itching ears”?
6. Verse five says “Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” Elaborate please.

**Well, before we answer these questions, you may very well be saying,  
“Why bother, this book is written by the Apostle Paul to Timothy;  
Timothy was called to do all this, NOT ME!**

*At this point, I can only remind you and share with you, how God has taught me to study and take His Word personally, for my life application and growing to become more Christ like, through what His Word says. I pen it to paper and share My Heart with you. Allow the Holy Spirit of God within you, to speak to “you” personally today.*

***Let’s Get started.***

1. I’m not called to “preach” either. Men preachers and women teachers; this can be quite controversial. I am not going to debate these issues, I will not go there, that will be between you and God. I am only going to share MY HEART with you, therefore I can personally accept this verse because God has given me a gift and deep passion to study and share His Word with Women in a very simple manner, that’s me, simple. God made me and can use me as He “equips me”. I just pray; “Keep pouring it out, on, in, and through me Father”. When He does this, I get full and I need for it to spill out in a good way to help and encourage others.
2. Who is going to be judged? Every one of us. Only one way to Heaven, the word says—  
“narrow is the way and not many enter therein” .. Saved by faith, not works. Romans 10:9-10 is what you often hear teachers call the “Salvation Road Map”. Judgment is big and volumes could be written on this subject, but we’re not going there today.
3. In order to be “ready in season and out of season”, very simply means, know what the Word of God says, walk it out (don’t just be a talker) and be ready to share the Word with others in their time of need. Encourage, correct, instruct, guide, give wisdom and direction to lives problems. You will be dressed in the full armor of God. Ready for battle in any season.
4. “I” don’t convince, rebuke, exhort, the Holy Spirit within me does all that work, through His power that is held in the Word. We can only listen and ask God to give us strength to “act on” what He says and when we do so, we “receive” confidence, correction, and encouragement to press on through the rough times; tests, and trials that God will use in our lives. Oftentimes, this builds our character and helps us, help others.

5. Itching ears, people will seek out teachers / preachers that are not presenting the Word of God as the absolute truth. You can have a form of godliness and deny the power therein. Itching ears want to hear what makes them “feel good” and not anything that will actually convict them of sin in their lives or bother them with a need to repent and turn from their wicked ways
  
6. Be watchful, be on guard, be prepared for spiritual warfare in this world. Don't let satan blind side you! Don't let him subtly trap you, lie to you, lure you and entice you to do wrong. Be on guard! Do the work of an evangelist; of course, most of us are not evangelists in the literal sense. But if you are a Christian, your daily lifestyle and Christian walk is “evangelizing” to others. What kind of evangelizing walk does your life reflect?

## Week #11

# 2 Timothy 4:5-16

## “Good Fights”!

<sup>5</sup> But you should **keep a clear mind in every situation**. **Don't be afraid of suffering** for the Lord. **Work at telling others the Good News**, and fully **carry out the ministry God has given you**.<sup>6</sup> As for me, my life has already been **poured out as an offering to God**. The time of my death is near. **7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful**.<sup>8</sup> And now the **prize awaits me**—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. **And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing**. Paul's Final Words-<sup>9</sup> Timothy, please come as soon as you can. <sup>10</sup> Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. <sup>12</sup> I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers:

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. <sup>15</sup> **Be careful** of him, for he fought against everything we said. <sup>16</sup> The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them.

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### Review Questions:

1. Keep a \_\_\_\_\_ mind in \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
2. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ of suffering for the Lord.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ at telling \_\_\_\_\_ the good news.
4. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the good \_\_\_\_\_, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the race, and I have \_\_\_\_\_ faithful.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ awaits me.
6. I eagerly look forward to His \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Be \_\_\_\_\_ of him (Alexander—who is this person in your life?) for he fought against every thing we said.

Paul has given his life and service to God! He has been obedient and faithful to **endure** and never quit through all his afflictions. He has fought the battles and won! This goes for you and I also. Let's make it personal now.

***I personalized these verses in this way:***

*God has rewards waiting for me (MY BLESSIN' IS ON THE WAY) or the obedience and service I gave Him. It's not by works I will receive my crown / rewards; it's the faith I had in believing Him, that led me to serve and work for Him, this was all from love.*

All my struggles, trials, and tests were not in vain. Give 100% of your gifts and talents to God, let Him use you so that others see and want the Jesus inside of you.

- Don't be guilty of loving the world more than God
- Be careful of deceptive friendships
- Faithful servants are "few" in number
- We will all be judged for what we have done
- Beware of false teaching

**Let's look into the Believers Bible Commentary:**

4:10 One of the bitterest experiences in Christian service, is to be forsaken by those who were formerly one's fellow laborers. It means a lot to have spiritual encouragement. Verse 11—How thankful we can be for the latter part of this verse. It holds encouragement to all of us who have failed the Lord in our service that He will give us another chance (Opportunity-chance to advance) to go forth for Him.

Verse 16 Paul shows no bitterness or depression over his ending up standing alone for Jesus. Paul is probably still thinking of the events of the past few days. His first defense means the first Opportunity which he was given to defend himself at this, his last "trial". It does seem sad indeed that no one stood up to speak a word in behalf of this valiant apostle, whose writings have enriched us for centuries.

No one would undertake his defense, but there's no bitterness in his heart for all that. Like the Savior before him, he prays that it might not be charged against them. He may have been forsaken by men, but the Lord Jesus stood with him. He was divinely strengthened to preach the gospel at his trial.

Well..... Be encouraged today! If you're "walking out" God's Word in your life and "others" are in your life or path that have hurt you, stand fast, stay in prayer and Gods Word for your strength as you get through this time of pain and discouragement.

Paul was deserted by those who claimed to be "alongside him all the way", why would we be any different? Sister, have you been hurt by someone professing to be your friend, only to find out otherwise?

I've been on some of those journeys myself, knowing what Gods word says to do and trying to walk out the word, and still finding myself a bit depressed! I used to think Christians never should deal with that. I really believe painful things come into our lives so we can "feel" the pain of others when they are in need of help and encouragement. Be encouraged sister, your blessin' is on the way!



## Week #12

# 2 Timothy 4:17-27 “Deliverance from Your Lions”!

<sup>17</sup> But **the Lord stood with me and gave me strength** so that I might **preach the Good News** in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And **he rescued me** from certain death <sup>18</sup> Yes, and **the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack** and will **bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom**. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen. <sup>19</sup> Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila and those living in the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus stayed at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus sends you greetings, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. **<sup>22</sup> May the Lord be with your spirit. And may his grace be with all of you.**

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*Title of Video to watch for this lesson will be: 2 Timothy 4:*

*“ ”. (cbd pastors)*

### Review Questions:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ me from certain death.
3. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ me from \_\_\_\_\_ evil attack.
4. He will bring me \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom.
5. All \_\_\_\_\_ to God \_\_\_\_\_.
6. May the Lord be with your \_\_\_\_\_ and may His \_\_\_\_\_ be with all of you.

- God is faithful
- God will stand with you through everything
  - Be faithful to share the message
  - Allow God to use and work through you
    - God will deliver you from your lions
  - God will preserve, protect and comfort you
    - I am Heaven Bound
- I give praise to God for ALL He has done for, to and through me.

*Thank you, Jesus for your Word, Grace, Forgiveness and  
Patience. The Lord Jesus Christ be with you...*

*We will never have another Today. Father please help us to  
remember what you have taught us in this study and continue to  
give us daily grace, encouragement and wisdom from your daily  
word; help us to "walk out" what you put "within us". Amen*

*lfc*

# REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHAPTER

## Chapter One:

1. Who penned this epistle?
2. To whom was this book written?
3. How does Paul describe himself?
4. How does Paul regard Timothy? Is there any spiritual significance to this?
5. Who did Paul desire to see? Of what was he mindful? And why?
6. What did Paul want Timothy to “stir up”?
7. What kind of “spirit” did God give and not give?
8. How did God save us?
9. What was Timothy to keep by the Holy Spirit? In whom does the Holy Spirit dwell?

## Chapter Two:

1. What is Timothy to do with Paul’s teaching?
2. What is the attitude of a good soldier toward affairs of this life?
3. Why does Paul “endure all things”?
4. What do we need to be to live with Christ?
5. What will happen if we deny Christ?
6. What must we shun? Why?
7. What must Timothy flee and follow?
8. What must Timothy avoid?
9. What must be the attitude of the “servant of the Lord?”

## Chapter Three:

1. What is the root problem behind all of the sins Paul lists in verse 2-4?
2. What is a “form” of godliness?
3. Who will suffer persecution?
4. What will happen with evil men and seducers?
5. What had Timothy known from childhood?
6. How many scriptures are inspired?
7. For what are the scriptures profitable?

## Chapter Four:

1. What is a “charge”?
2. What kind of times were going to come?
3. What would men do instead of listening to faithful gospel preachers?
4. To what would they turn?
5. What was Timothy to endure?
6. What work was Timothy to do?
7. What did Paul want Timothy to do in verse 9?
8. Who did Paul want Timothy to bring to him?
9. Who stood with Paul and strengthened him?