



STUDIES IN 2 TIMOTHY

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STUDY ONE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

FAN THE FLAME OF GOD

✎What things have influenced and/or shaped your life?✎

- ❶ As you read the opening of this letter, what do you notice about Paul's priorities as reflected in the way he writes?

- ❷ Paul has spent many years intentionally partnering with and training Timothy in ministry, (see Acts 16:1-5, 17:10-15, 18:5, 19:22, 20:4; Philippians 2:19-22, 1 Corinthians 4:15-17) how does Paul see their relationship, and what does his affection for Timothy cause him to do?

- ❸ What do we learn about Timothy's upbringing? (See also Chapter 3:14-15 & Acts 16:1-5)

- ❹ In verse 3 Paul reflects on his "ancestors" (sometimes translated "fathers" or "forefathers") and in verse 5 Paul highlights Timothy's mother and grandmother. What role have others, particularly parents, played in both Paul and Timothy's faith?

- ❺ Who has shaped your faith through discipleship, teaching or training, and how has this helped you to grow/ flourish/ serve? Who have been examples of faith to you and how has their faith encouraged you?

❶ What is the “gift of God” that Paul says is in Timothy? (See also 1 Timothy 4:11-14)

❷ What does Paul mean by “rekindle” or “fan into flame” (also translated: “stir up”, “keep ablaze”, “keep alive”) this gift? (See also v. 14 & chapter 4:5) What might this look like for us?

❸ What are the characteristics of the Spirit that God has given Timothy (and us)? How are these characteristics made evident in our lives?

❹ What role does the Spirit play in “kindling” God’s gifts?

❺ What helps/ hinders you in passing on your faith?

PRAY:

Thank God for those who passed on the faith to you.

Ask that the Lord, through the power of His Spirit would use us to pass on the faith to others.

✂ THIS WEEK: Consider sending a note or message to someone who has been important in your faith journey to thank and encourage them. ✂

STUDY Two: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-18

Do Not Be Ashamed

*✧ What do you fear? Share a time when you have been afraid,
what helped you in your fear? ✧*

- ❶ What is the “testimony about our Lord” (v.8)? (See also Matt 24:14; John 3:31-36; 1 John 5:9-12)

- ❷ Make an outline of the gospel from what Paul says in verses 9-10.

- ❸ What things does Paul tell Timothy to not be ashamed of (v.8)? Why might Timothy be ashamed of these things?

- ❹ In verse 12, Paul says very plainly that he suffers because of the gospel, and in verse 8 he invites Timothy to “share in suffering for the gospel”. What is Paul’s attitude to suffering, and how does the gospel itself shape this? (See also Matthew 16:21, Luke 24:26-27 & 45-47; 1 Corinthians 1:18)

- ❺ What enables Paul to not be ashamed in v. 12? How might this help Timothy to not be ashamed? (See also v.5)

- ⑥ How do we respond to the call to suffer? How do we prepare for suffering?

- ⑦ What is the “pattern of sound words” that Timothy has received from Paul? (See also 1 Timothy 4:6-7; 6:3-4 & chapter 4:1-4) How is this linked with “what has been entrusted” to Paul (v.12), and the “good deposit entrusted” (v.14) to Timothy?

- ⑧ How is what has been entrusted to both Paul and Timothy “guarded”?

- ⑨ What does it look like to “hold on to” the pattern of sound teaching?

- ⑩ In verse 15, Paul seems to equate people deserting him with distancing themselves not only from him but also from the gospel message. What might cause people to “desert” or “turn away” from the truth of the gospel?

- ⑪ On the other hand, Onesiphorus is *not* ashamed of Paul. What can we learn from Onesiphorus about faithfulness to the gospel? How does he embody 2 Timothy 1:7?

⑫ What fears do you have that might prevent you from sharing the gospel with others? How does God's work in guarding the gospel empower you to share the "testimony about our Lord" with others?

PRAY:

Thank God for the truth and hope of the gospel message.

Ask that the Lord, through the power of His Spirit, would continue to guard the message of the gospel and enable us to not be afraid of suffering for it but to proclaim it without fear.

✂ THIS WEEK: Consider sending one of our link missionaries a message of encouragement as they share the gospel with others cross-culturally. ✂

STUDY THREE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

THIS IS MY GOSPEL

☞ *What helps you to keep your focus on something important?* ☞

❶ After challenging Timothy to *rekindle* the gift of God, *hold on* to the pattern of sound teaching, *guard* the good deposit and *not be ashamed* in chapter 1, what does Paul urge Timothy to do? (v. 1-3)

❷ What might be our role in God's plan of continuing the work of the Gospel?

❸ Look at the three pictures that Paul uses in v. 3-6:
What things are highlighted about each one?
What things do they all have in common?
How do they help us think about living for Jesus?

Soldier:

Athlete:

Farmer:

- ④ What might we find ourselves being distracted with, that tempt us to take our eyes off Jesus?
- ⑤ How might we be able to “work hard” without becoming legalistic?
- ⑥ What does Timothy need to “remember”?
- ⑦ What helps us to remember what is most important?
- ⑧ Why would it be a comfort that the “word of God is not bound”? How might it encourage Timothy to persevere?
- ⑨ Why does Paul endure suffering and persecution? (v.9-10)
- ⑩ How willing are you to “endure” hardship so that others might “obtain salvation”?

⑪ Look at the “trustworthy saying” in verses 11-13:

What do these statements communicate about Jesus?

What do they communicate about us?

What hope is offered?

PRAY:

Thank God for the faithfulness of Jesus and for the hope of the resurrection.

Praise God that the gospel is not bound, and that nothing can stop Him from accomplishing His purposes through His Word.

Ask that, strengthened by grace, we would be able to persevere, keeping our eyes on Jesus until the end.

✂ THIS WEEK: Consider sending a message to someone who might be struggling or suffering -encouraging them to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus or to remember the hope of the gospel.✂

STUDY FOUR: 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-3:9

PRESENT YOURSELF

☞ *What things do you have that are “only for special” occasions/use/purposes?* ☞

❶ As you look at the whole of this passage, what are the temptations that Timothy is faced with in his own life and the problems that he faces in the Ephesian church?

❷ What do 2:14-18 and 23-25 show us about the power and importance of words, especially for someone who is a Christian leader? (See also Ephesians 4:29 & James 3:1-10). How does what we see, read and hear influence what we think and say? Why do our words and teaching of the truth matter?

❸ How has the Ephesian church been contaminated? What image is used to describe this contamination?

❹ What is Timothy to do? (see 2:15, 16, 19, 22-23 & 3:4)

Look at 2:19-22

The language Paul uses in this section recalls the building of the temple (1 Kings 7:10) and the sacrificial system of worship there, where unclean people and implements (such as bowls etc.) needed to be cleansed by sacrifices and washing (Leviticus 14:52, Numbers 19:17-19).

⑤ Timothy is asked to “present himself” to God (v.15), and in this section, people are likened to “vessels” (i.e. pots, bowls, utensils etc.) and the call is to be cleansed so that their use goes from “dishonourable” to “honourable”. Now that Jesus has come and done away with the temple and its sacrifices, how is this cleansing achieved? (See Ezekiel 36:24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Hebrews 10:19-23, 1 John 1:7-9, Revelation 7:13-15)

⑥ What will be the result of this cleansing? (v.21) What might it look like to be “ready for every good work” (v.21), and to “pursue righteousness” (v.22)?

⑦ What will characterise the “last days” (3:1-7)?

⑧ What does it mean that people will “have an appearance of godliness” but “deny its power”(v.5)? (See also Matt 23:27-28)

9 How is this a problem particularly for the church? Who do such people prey upon? (See 1 Timothy 5:13 & 2 Timothy 4:3-4) What makes them easy prey?

10 Why are they likened to “Jannes and Jambres” (4:8) ?

11 How do we keep from being “gullible” and enslaved like these women? (See chapter 2:24-25, John 8:31-32, Galatians 5:24-25, Colossians 3:1-10, 1 John 1:8-9)

PRAY:

Thank God for the cleansing blood of Jesus, who washes away all our impurity by his own perfect sacrifice on the cross.

Ask that, by grace, we would be ready to be used by God.

Pray that we would pursue righteousness and not be led astray by irreverent and empty speech.

✂ THIS WEEK: Consider sending a message to someone in leadership to share how their words may have encouraged you to pursue righteousness or come to a knowledge of the truth. ✂

STUDY FIVE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-4:22

PREACH THE WORD

☞ *What is the most useful thing that has been passed on to you?* ☞

❶ As Paul has ministered alongside Timothy, how has he been an example to him? Who has been an example to you? Who are you and example to?

❷ In 3:11-13, Paul sets up the expectation of persecution as he remembers his own suffering (For an account of what happened at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra see Acts 14), and in 4:10-18 he continues to describe his suffering. How does the pattern of suffering in the Old Testament and in Jesus offer hope to Paul? (See Psalm 17:8-14, 22:12-21, 34:17-19, Luke 9:22, John 8:31-38)

❸ How does what he says in 3:12-13 connect with 3:6-9 and 4:3-4? What *hope* from the story of Jannes and Jambres might be an encouragement for Timothy in suffering? (3:9)

❹ In contrast to the ungodliness of the last days, what encouragement and exhortation does Paul give to Timothy in 3:14-4:2 and 4:5,? (See also 1:6, 2:24-26)

⑤ What is the origin and purpose of the Scriptures? What are the implications of this?

⑥ How does God's Word equip us for a godly life? How ought the scriptures shape our own life and that of our church?

⑦ How has God's word encouraged or strengthened you, and how have you been corrected or reproved by the Scriptures?

⑧ What does it mean to be ready "in season and out of season" to preach the word?
(See also 1 Peter 3:13-16)

⑨ What is one change you can make today that would deepen your investment in the Word God has breathed out for you?

⑩ In 4:6-8, Paul prepares for his death. How does what he say here (especially v.7) relate with the illustrations he used in 2:4-6? What is Paul's hope?

⑪ In each chapter of this letter Paul has named two people who have turned away from or been opposed to faith in Jesus. Why might it be encouraging for him (and Timothy) to name 14 people at the end of his letter who are active in their faith and ministry?

⑫ Looking back over the whole letter, what has encouraged you and challenged you?

PRAY:

Thank God for his Word which makes us wise for salvation, and which is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

Ask that God would equip us to be ready in and out of season to preach the word.

Pray that our church would be shaped by God's word to love Christ, live for him, and unashamedly proclaim salvation through him.

✂ THIS WEEK: Consider sending a message to someone who has been an example to you in faith, *and* to someone who you would like to encourage in faith. ✂