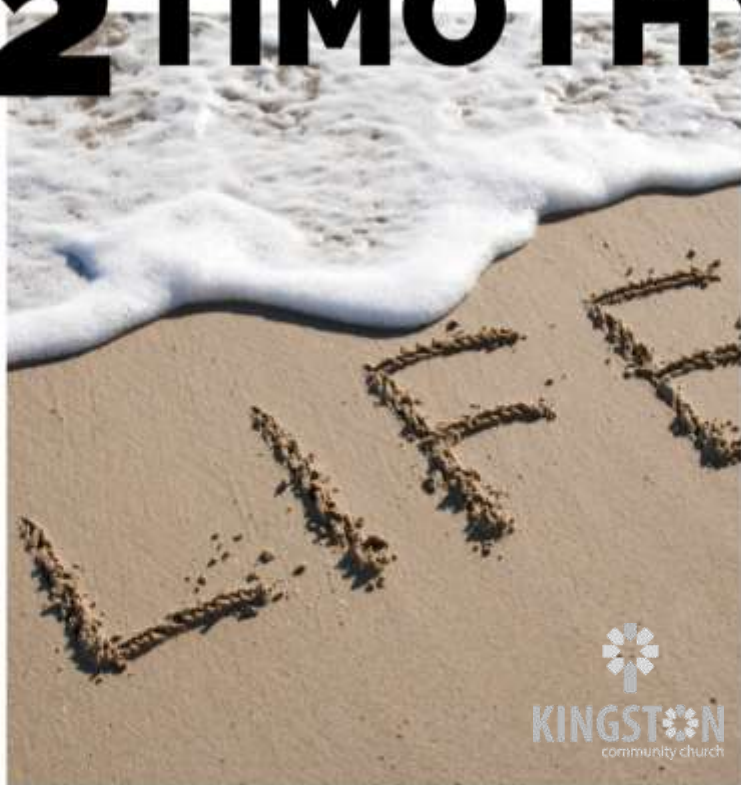


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# 2 TIMOTHY



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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

## 2 Timothy 2:15

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We are created for community, and being part of a small group is about growing spiritually together in our walk with Christ [EPHESIANS 4:12-13]. Mutually engaging in God's Word, with the intention of building us up together, as more mature and equipped followers of Christ.

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This resource requires commitment. A commitment to the Bible. A commitment of time. A commitment to each other.

Join us in studying 2 TIMOTHY within a small group as you seek to **present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 TIMOTHY 2:15)**



# INTRO

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In his second letter to Timothy, Paul encourages his apprentice Timothy to persevere in the truth. Paul voices some of the same concerns that he expressed in his first letter to Timothy, like the importance of correct teaching and the keys to effective church leadership. This time, though, Paul's situation has changed. He is now in prison, perhaps for the last time, and he wants to make sure that Timothy will be able to complete the mission after he is gone. But Paul is not just concerned about his own legacy; his primary concern, as always, is advancing the gospel.

## BACKGROUND

Like the other two Pastoral Letters (1 Timothy and Titus), 2 Timothy identifies Paul as its author (2 Tim 1:1), but there is some modern debate about the authorship of the Pastoral Letters (see the “Introduction to 1 Timothy”). Paul would have written 2 Timothy from prison—likely in Rome (2 Tim 1:8, 16–17; 2:9). Considering that 1 Timothy indicates that Paul was able to visit Ephesus and leave Timothy there (1 Tim 1:3), this imprisonment seems to be a different from the one narrated in Acts (circa AD 61–63; Acts 28:16–31). Paul must have been freed, at least for a time, allowing for him to take an additional journey not recorded in Acts. According to early church tradition, Paul was martyred in Rome during the mid-60s AD, so the imprisonment mentioned in 2 Timothy—and thus the writing of the letter—could have immediately preceded his death. Paul seems to anticipate this (2 Tim 4:6–8).

Timothy, the recipient of 1–2 Timothy, is mentioned frequently throughout Paul's letters and the book of Acts as a close associate of Paul. During Paul's second missionary journey (circa AD 49–51), the two met in Timothy's hometown, Lystra, which is a city in southern Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Timothy's mother was Jewish, and his father was non-Jewish (Gentile); both his mother and grandmother were Christians (2 Tim 1:5).

2 Timothy does not mention Timothy's location but given the similarity between the situations in 1–2 Timothy (compare 1 Tim 1:20; 2 Tim 2:17),

he probably is still in Ephesus. Other clues are Paul's request that Timothy greet Prisca (Priscilla) and Aquila (who were living in Ephesus; 2 Tim 4:19; compare Acts 18:18–19), and the mention of Troas (a city near Ephesus; 2 Tim 4:13).

## STRUCTURE

Paul begins 2 Timothy with a standard greeting (1:1–2) and gives thanks to God for Timothy's spiritual heritage (1:3–5). Then he charges Timothy to be bold and unashamed in his ministry, following Paul's own example of being willing to suffer for the gospel (1:6–18). In the next section (2:1–13), Paul encourages Timothy to be a passionate preacher of the gospel. Paul then discusses the false teaching that Timothy is encountering and the proper response (2:14–3:9). In Paul's charge to Timothy (3:10–4:8), he urges him to expect persecution, to continue relying on the Scriptures, and to persevere in teaching. Toward the end of the letter, Paul gives details about his situation and final instructions for Timothy (4:9–18); he closes with greetings and a benediction (4:19–22).

## OUTLINE

- Greeting, thanksgiving, and encouragement (1:1–18)
- Aspects of effective ministry (2:1–13)
- Opposing false teaching (2:14–3:9)
- Paul's charge to Timothy and closing remarks (3:10–4:22)

## THEMES

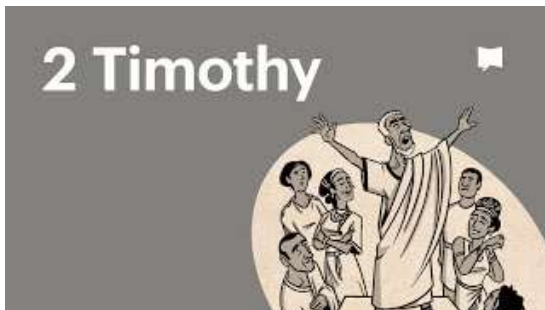
Both Paul and Timothy were experiencing opposition. Paul had been thrown in prison for preaching the gospel of Jesus and his situation was dire (1:15–18; 4:11). Meanwhile Timothy was struggling against false teachers in the church (3:1–9).

In the face of this opposition, Paul urges Timothy to view his mission in the way that a soldier, athlete, or farmer would (2:3–6). It involves steady endurance—the gospel is his occupation. In juxtaposition, the false teachers Timothy faces, are greedy and self-centered; they like to argue and engage in pointless chatter. Paul tells Timothy to avoid these people and their foolish controversies and stand firm in the truth (2:14–3:9).



The work of the gospel is not easy; some friends might turn away or even become enemies (4:10, 16). But there is a reward at the end, and Paul has it in sight (4:7–8). It is always worth it, to stay the course.

Paul insists that we look to Christ as our foundation and walk away from evil (2:19). We are called to be ready in and out of season to proclaim the gospel, and this means passionately advocating for the truth (4:1–4). A worker for the gospel does not look back—they press forward.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urlvnxCaL00>



# 2 Timothy 1:1-7

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For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

## OVERVIEW

Paul begins his last letter to Timothy by addressing him as my “dear son” (2 TIMOTHY 1:1-2). Memories of Timothy are especially precious now, and Paul longs to see the friend, whose sincere faith is rooted in the teaching of his mother and grandmother (2 TIMOTHY vv. 3-5), and whose gifts Paul himself contributed to (2 TIMOTHY vv. 6-7).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What do we learn about Timothy’s history?

Why does Paul need to remind Timothy of these things in 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-5?

How does 2 TIMOTHY 1:6–7 equip Timothy for his current position?

What does this passage tell us about how a minister guards the gospel?

How could you pray for your leaders, as a result of this passage?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What traits have you inherited from either side of your family?

### SETTING THE SCENE

The ministry of the Gospel is no place for a “timid soul” who lacks enthusiasm. In fact, courageous enthusiasm is essential for success in any kind of work. Paul compared this attitude to stirring up a fire into full flame (2 TIMOTHY 1:6). Paul gave Timothy four encouragements.

- Paul’s love (2 TIMOTHY 1:1–2)
- Paul’s prayers (2 TIMOTHY 1:3–4)
- Paul’s confidence in Timothy (2 TIMOTHY 1:5)
- God’s gift to Timothy (2 TIMOTHY 1:6–7)

Timothy had every reason to be encouraged and to have spiritual enthusiasm in his ministry. Paul loved him and prayed for him. His experiences in life had been preparation for his ministry, and Paul was confident of the genuineness of Timothy’s faith. The Spirit within him would give all the power needed for ministry. What more could he want?

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7 message on Sunday?

# DISCUSSION

## USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

Paul introduces himself as “an apostle” (2 TIMOTHY 1:1). Why do you think he stresses his apostleship, in this letter to his close friend Timothy?

Paul describes Timothy as his ‘dear son’ in 2 TIMOTHY 1:2? How and why does Paul assure Timothy of his deep love for him in 2 TIMOTHY 1:2-5?

Why do you think Paul reminds Timothy of the heritage of his grandmother and mother, but not his father? (2 TIMOTHY 1:5)

**CF: Acts 16:1-3**

- How much emphasise should be put on our spiritual heritage?

What does Paul urge Timothy to do with God's gift in 2 TIMOTHY 1:6?

- How would he go about doing this?

Instead of fearfulness or timidity, what three characteristics of the spirit has God given every believer in 2 TIMOTHY 1:7?

- How do they overcome timidity?

How does knowing what the Spirit of God gives (2 TIMOTHY 1:7), influence your daily life?

- What does it look like to live with power, love and self-discipline?

# FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 1:8-18

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So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. 2 TIMOTHY 1:8

## OVERVIEW

It may seem strange at first, but Paul urges his dearly loved friend to join him in suffering for the Gospel. Paul is deeply aware that there is no greater privilege for any person (2 TIMOTHY 2:8-12). And Paul reminds Timothy that his teaching and life provide a pattern to live by (2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14).

In a personal aside, Paul regrets that so many run for cover, because of his imprisonment—but mentions Onesiphorus as one who risked being associated with Paul, by actively asking his whereabouts when he was in Rome (2 TIMOTHY 1:15-18).

Our calling may not bring us popularity. But the bonds we form with like-minded others, are strong and true.

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-18**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

Look at 2 TIMOTHY 1:8 and 2 TIMOTHY 1:11-12. What is Timothy commanded to do?

2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10 are a gospel outline. What does it emphasise?

What is Timothy's part, and what is God's part in the task of guarding the good deposit? (2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14)

What exactly did Onesiphorus do, that was such an encouragement to Paul? (2 TIMOTHY 1:16-17)

How are you tempted to be ashamed of the gospel, and those who stand for it?

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### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What are you willing to suffer for?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul is concerned to impress upon Timothy the perfectness of the gospel. Also the responsibility Timothy has to be faithful to the gospel in his ministry. Timothy should also be faithful to Paul, God's apostle, who in his imprisonment is suffering for the gospel and through whom the gift of faith had come to him. He must therefore be prepared, in spite of his natural timidity and weakness, to suffer with Paul for the gospel and never to be ashamed of it.

It is inevitable that in the cause of Christ, the Christian will encounter—at some time or other—opposition and hostility from the world. And when that happens, we may be tempted to distance ourselves from Christ and the gospel that saved us.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-18

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-18 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

How would you define the gospel? (2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10)

Paul urges Timothy, "...do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me his prisoner" (2 TIMOTHY 1:8). Why should Christians be unashamed of Jesus and the gospel?

What three things did God appoint Paul to be? (2 TIMOTHY 1:11)

- How are these three ministries, similar and different?

Why was Paul not ashamed to suffer for Christ? (2 TIMOTHY 1:12)

What are we to guard, and how are we to do this? (2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14)

Paul mentions a number of friends in his letters. He mentions the household of Onesiphorus in 2 TIMOTHY 1:16–18 and 2 TIMOTHY 4:19.

- Why does Paul commend Onesiphorus?
- How does Onesiphorus illustrate Paul's exhortation to Timothy in 2 TIMOTHY 1:8?

What place and power does the gospel have in your daily life?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 2:1-2

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

## OVERVIEW

Timothy has already been urged to guard the deposit of truth which he has received from Paul, to be strong in preaching that truth in the face of any opposition he might encounter, in his ministry at Ephesus. But now the apostle goes a step further and urges him to arrange for the transmission of the truth of the gospel to the next generation.

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What exactly is Timothy told to do in 2 TIMOTHY 2:2?

Why is he to do this?

How does this guard the gospel?

What is it like to be part of a church, that believes this?

How could you get involved with this?

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## INTRODUCTION

### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

### **OPENING QUESTION**

What special thing has been intrusted to you by someone?

### **SETTING THE SCENE**

In both letters to Timothy, there is an inference that he may be hampered by timidness. Trouble is coming for him, however. He must be strong for the task of passing on the gospel to others. They in turn will do the same thing in an endless chain of witness.

It would be natural for Timothy to use his strength and gifts to continue confronting heretics and wrestling with problems. Instead, Paul focuses Timothy on the more challenging but rewarding task of training and motivating others to be part of the work.

### **READ SCRIPTURE**

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

## REVIEW

### **PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE**

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

In what did Paul want Timothy to be strong in? (2 TIMOTHY 2:1)

- How would this help Timothy?
- How does it help you and me?

What was Timothy to entrust to other men? (2 TIMOTHY 1:2)

- What kind of men should he be looking for?
- How does this verse apply in the local church?

How does Paul's relationship to Timothy, offer a model for discipling leaders in the church?

**CF: 2 TIMOTHY 1:13; 3:10-11**

What might this multiplying ministry look like in the local church?

What is one specific way, you can apply this biblical pattern of discipleship in your own life?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 2:3-13

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Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 TIMOTHY 3:11-13

## OVERVIEW

What will it mean for Timothy, to follow the pattern of commitment set by the Apostle Paul, and to teach that pattern to others? (2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2) Three images provide insight. A committed Christian is like a soldier in his ability to endure hardship (2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4). He is like an athlete who keeps in training for competition (2 TIMOTHY 2:5). He is like a farmer who works hard in expectation of enjoying the harvest (2 TIMOTHY 2:6-7).

Paul is very clear, that commitment to the Gospel is likely to result in suffering (2 TIMOTHY 2:8-10). He is also clear on the need to remain fully committed (2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-13

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What do the 3 metaphors in 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-7 have in common?

What do they teach us, about putting the strategy of discipleship and multiplying leaders into practice?

What does Paul tell Timothy to remember about Jesus Christ? 2 TIMOTHY 2:8

Why does Paul keep going in this ministry? 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

Who has invested in your life, and helped shape you as a person?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul calls Timothy to take his place in the front line of Christian mission. He is to be a living link between the generations—training the evangelists and teachers of the future.

This work requires single-mindedness. Like a soldier on active service, Timothy must stay focused on the battle and the commands of his Lord. Like an athlete in competition, Timothy must not compromise or cheat if he hopes to win the prize. But there is a great reward. Like a hard-working farmer, Timothy will be the first to benefit from the sacrifices he has made.

Paul may look like a criminal, shut in prison and confined by chains. But the gospel isn't chained and never will be. If Paul's suffering helps the gospel reach others, he will bear it willingly. Paul remembers a saying or part of a hymn about death and glory in Christ and quotes this.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-13

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-13 message on Sunday?



## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

In 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-7, Paul compares Timothy's calling to the soldier, the athlete, and the hardworking farmer. What is the point of these analogies?

Jesus called the apostle Paul to a life of suffering and weakness (Acts 9:16; 2 Cor. 12:9–10). How does Paul explain his suffering in 2 TIMOTHY 1:12; 2:9?

- What motivates Paul to endure such suffering? 2 TIMOTHY 2:10

Paul reminds Timothy that even though he is bound with “chains as a criminal,” he is confident that “God’s word is not bound!” How is this possible? (2 Timothy 2:9)

What confidence do you have in God’s word?

The “trustworthy” saying in 2 TIMOTHY 2:11–13 summarizes a believers’ hope in Christ. What roles are suffering and enduring, playing in your life right now?

- How do these verses, provide us right perspective and encouragement as we face tough times?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 2:14-26

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**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 TIMOTHY 2:15**

## OVERVIEW

Paul reminds Timothy, that commitment calls for a disciplined attention to service and Scripture, that many have been unwilling to give (2 TIMOTHY 2:14–19). This is not unexpected, for everyone uses cheap dishes as well as expensive chinaware. But it’s important for us to “cleanse ourselves” that we might serve the more noble function (2 TIMOTHY 2:20–21). Finally, commitment calls for the most rigid self-control, not only in fleeing evil desires, but also in maintaining a loving attitude, toward those who oppose our teaching, with prayerful reliance on God to change the heart of the lost (2 TIMOTHY 2:22–26).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What is it, that can cause believers to have their faith challenged?  
2 TIMOTHY 2:14-21

What assurance, encouragement, and motivation is there for Timothy?  
2 TIMOTHY 2:14-21

What should we do and not do, if there is false teaching in the church? 2  
TIMOTHY 2:22-26

What do you think that the hardest bit of 2 TIMOTHY 2:22-26 would be, for  
a church leader?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What is one topic, sure to provoke an argument at a large family gathering?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul sees great danger in the way some teachers deal with God's truth (2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26). They quarrel about the precise meanings of words. They speculate on alternative theories. They are infecting the gospel with lies—with disastrous effects for those who hear them.

Timothy is not to be like these false teachers. He is to be absolutely straight with God's word, so that he won't be ashamed when he presents his work to God.

To be a faithful teacher, Timothy must live a pure life himself. There are all sorts of pots and utensils in a house—but it is the clean ones that are ready for the master to use. So it is with serving Christ. Christians come in all shapes and sizes—but it is the ones who are pure in heart and life, who are useful to God. His teaching must be true and his manner gentle, so that those who learn from him will be saved.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

2 TIMOTHY 2:14-18 contrasts faithful leaders like Timothy with false teachers like Hymenaeus and Philetus. Compare each group's motivations, qualifications, and response to the truth.

- What is each group's motivation?
- What is each group's qualifications?
- What is each group's response to the truth?

Why must Timothy "avoid" and "depart from" the dishonourable teaching and practices of false teachers? (2 TIMOTHY 2:16-19)

What is required for us to be "useful" to God and "ready for every good work"? (2 TIMOTHY 2:21)

What effect does such quarrelling have on the church?

How and why should we respond and correct opponents, according to 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26?

How are you growing in the areas identified by Paul in 2 TIMOTHY 2:22?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 3:1-9

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**But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. 2 TIMOTHY 3:9**

## OVERVIEW

Paul now turns to the future, outlining some of the challenges that Timothy will have to face. The first challenge is the superficiality of the faith of many, who will profess Christianity. Faith that is insidiously corrupted even further by false teachers motivated by evil desires (2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What is so difficult about the situation of 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5?

What makes the women so vulnerable, to these false teachers? 2 TIMOTHY 3:6-7

What is Timothy to do in this situation? 2 TIMOTHY 3:5

What should we do to guard ourselves, and our friends, from this kind of false teaching?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What do you do when a movie gets scary?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul describes how people will be in the last days (2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9). The last days are the years between the ascension of Jesus to heaven and his return to earth in glory. They are the times in which we live.

Paul says that people will be entirely self-centred. They will love money and pleasure for themselves, but be proud, aggressive and treacherous towards others. They will have no love, respect or forgiveness in their relationships. They will be keen to show off their religion—but they will not let the truth change their lives.

Paul says that the phoney religious teachers will exploit women in their own homes. They will take advantage of their weakness, guilt and longings. He likens such teachers to Jannes and Jambres—who were said to be Pharaoh's chief magicians in the disputes with Moses (EXODUS 7:11). Such people use their cunning to defy God—but will be exposed as frauds.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9.

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

Does the list of evils in 2 TIMOTHY 3:2–5 describe people inside or outside the church?

What does it mean to have the appearance of godliness, but to deny its power? (2 TIMOTHY 3:5)

What does it look like to have nothing to do with such people, when we are called to show grace? (2 TIMOTHY 3:5)

**Cf: 2 TIMOTHY 2:25-26**

Where do you draw the line between living in the world, but not allowing it to squeeze you into its mould?

In 2 TIMOTHY 3:8, Paul compares the false teachers to the Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses and Aaron in EXODUS 7:19–12.

- In what ways are Timothy’s opponents, like these ancient adversaries of Moses and Aaron?
- How might this comparison encourage Timothy?

How does the previous chapters of 2 TIMOTHY, reveal how we will know that these people are false teachers?

How do we protect ourselves and each other, from these ‘lovers of themselves’?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 3:10-17

LIFE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS!

WORD - ENDURANCE - UNASHAMED

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

## OVERVIEW

Those eager to live godly lives will face increasing persecution, as evil men “go from bad to worse” (2 TIMOTHY 3:8–14). Timothy, however, has a unique source of strength: He has been well taught, he knows the character of those who taught him, and he has in hand the Scriptures given by God Himself. And the Scriptures contain everything needed to equip God’s people for every good work (2 TIMOTHY 3:15–17).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What does Paul remind Timothy about regarding Paul’s own life and ministry? 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-11

Why does Paul include 2 TIMOTHY 3:12–13?

Why is the Bible, all a believer needs to live and work as a Christian?  
2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

When were you last taught, reproved, corrected or trained in  
righteousness by the Scriptures? 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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# GROUP STUDY

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What are the day to day tools of your trade/work?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul offers his own life as an example to Timothy. Timothy has seen for himself how Paul has lived, taught, and suffered for the sake of the gospel. Now he must also expect to suffer if he truly follows Christ.

Paul sees that living the truth and being persecuted go together in this world. Jesus was the truth in person, and he was crucified. Those who live a lie (who are evil frauds), will go from bad to worse in their deceptions. Those who live the truth, will go from strength to strength in their certainties.

The scriptures not only tell us that God saves, but teach us how to live the good life. The scriptures are the main means of knowing God's truth. They correct what is wrong, and commend what is right. They lead us to a mature understanding of God's will, and equip us for his service.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17.

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

2 TIMOTHY 3:10–13 returns again to the important theme of suffering. Why does Paul draw attention to his own suffering here?

Is persecution necessarily a result of godliness, and godliness a result of persecution?

How should we respond to suffering and persecution?

(2 TIMOTHY 3:12–14)

- What does this look like on a daily basis?

Paul repeatedly emphasises the vital importance of teaching doctrine that is grounded in the gospel.

- What is the model given for Timothy's teaching? (2 TIMOTHY 3:10)
- What is the source of Timothy's teaching? (2 TIMOTHY 3:16)

According to 2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17, what is God's aim in all of Scripture?

- What does this look like in the local church family?

What place does God's word have in your daily life, and in the interactions you have within the church family?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 4:1-5

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WORD - ENDURANCE - UNASHAMED

**Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 2 TIMOTHY 4:2**

## OVERVIEW

Paul now gives Timothy a direct charge. He must preach the Word, when the time seems opportune and even when it does not (2 TIMOTHY 4:1–2). Because hostility to sound doctrine will increase, the time will often seem not to be opportune. But even so, Timothy must “do the work of an evangelist” (2 TIMOTHY 4:3–5).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What is the command in 2 TIMOTHY 4:1–4?

What exactly is Paul worrying about in 2 TIMOTHY 4:3–4?

What is Timothy told that he can do about this? 2 TIMOTHY 4:5

What is the connection between 2 TIMOTHY 4:2 and 2 TIMOTHY 4:5?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

What is an area of responsibility that you hold at the moment?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul solemnly commissions Timothy. He does so in the presence of God, and in the light of Christ's return.

Timothy is to preach God's word. He is to speak out, what God has revealed about His salvation. Timothy is to do this at all times and in all circumstances. People may refuse to listen. They may prefer more exciting or entertaining teachers. But Timothy is to persevere and fulfil his God-given task.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5.

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

What motivation did Timothy have to preach the message of the Bible?  
2 TIMOTHY 4:1



What is involved, in the successful preaching of God’s Word? 2 TIMOTHY 4:2?

How prepared are you to ‘teach the word’, ‘in season and out of season’? 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

Why is it such a temptation to tell people what they want to hear, rather than what they need to hear? 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4.

- How do we resist such a temptation and remain faithful in representing Jesus?

What examples do you see in the local church where people are turning their ‘ears away from the truth’? 2 TIMOTHY 4:4

Paul charges Timothy to “fulfill your ministry” (2 TIMOTHY 4:5). What does this mean?

What is ‘the work of an evangelist’? 2 TIMOTHY 4:5

Which of the four things that Paul urges Timothy to do in 2 TIMOTHY 4:5, apply to us as believers?

- What does this look like in your daily life?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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WORD - ENDURANCE - UNASHAMED

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

## OVERVIEW

Paul himself has a testimony to add. He has fought his own good fight and now has finished his race. And he knows that there, waiting for him to claim, is the crown God will award him when Jesus comes. And the same is true for all who long for Christ's appearing (2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

How does 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 relate to the commands of 2 TIMOTHY 4:5?

What is the hope that motivates our faithfulness, in living the Christian life? 2 TIMOTHY 4:8

How is this helpful a Christian, in their day to day life?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

At the end of a long day, what do you look forward to most?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul knows that he is soon to die. He already feels that his life is being poured out like a drink offering on an altar—a complete sacrifice to God.

Like Jesus, Paul has the assurance that his work is done. As Jesus died, he cried out, ‘It is finished!’ Now Paul believes he has fought his fight, finished his race and kept his faith to the end. He looks forward to his judgment and reward from Jesus Christ, the Lord he has loved, and served, and longs to see.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8.

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

In 2 TIMOTHY 4:6, Paul reflects on the “time” of his own imminent departure. Paul presents his life as a “drink offering,” using Old Testament sacrificial imagery (EXODUS 25:29). What does this mean?

Reflecting further on his imminent death, Paul using three athletic metaphors. What are they? (2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8)

- How do these images, show us what it means to keep the faith? (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

What do we have to do, to receive the same reward as Paul?

- What does that look like, in relation to what else has been said in 2 TIMOTHY?

What is your daily hope set on?

## FINISH

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# 2 Timothy 4:9-22

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The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.  
2 TIMOTHY 4:22

## OVERVIEW

The letter now concludes with a series of personal remarks as Paul brings Timothy up to date on his situation (2 TIMOTHY 4:9-17), expresses continuing faith in God (2 TIMOTHY 4:18), and includes final greetings (2 TIMOTHY 4:19-22).

## PERSONAL STUDY

Take your time across the week to explore the passage yourself. Be prayerful as you seek truth in and through the Word. Jot down any questions, or additional observations you make, so you can share them with your small group.

### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22**

As you do, consider the following questions and jot down your reflections.

What kinds of things has Paul experienced in the last years of his life?

What stops Paul from being full of self-pity and regret?

What does this passage tell us about attacks, that will influence the gospel work?

As you look back over 2 Timothy, what have you learned, about what kind of believer/leader you want, or should be?

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## INTRODUCTION

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### OPENING QUESTION

If you left home with nothing, what would be the first thing you'd ask to have sent to you? Why?

### SETTING THE SCENE

Paul asks that Timothy will bring John Mark with him. The young man who was once a source of friction between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:37-39) is now a helpful colleague.

Paul tells Timothy briefly about the first hearing of his trial. Not one of the Christians in Rome came to help him with his case or give evidence in his favour. Alexander the metalworker (who crafts copper bronze) has hurt him badly by speaking strongly against him. But Paul has taken the opportunity to preach the gospel fully, so that his judges and the listening public may hear it! In all this, Paul has had the overwhelming assurance of Christ's presence and strength. He has been able to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, at the heart of the Roman empire.

Paul sends greetings with a few other snippets of news, and with his distinctive 'grace', Paul closes. His farewell blessing on Timothy and the church at Ephesus, is the last recorded word we have from the apostle.

### READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22.

## REVIEW

### PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22 message on Sunday?

## DISCUSSION

### USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

What clues do you pick up, from reading between the lines about how Paul is feeling? 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

Why did Demas desert Paul? 2 TIMOTHY 4:10

How do Paul's statements about Demas and Mark, at the end of this letter (2 TIMOTHY 4:10-11) illustrate the trustworthy statement in 2 TIMOTHY 2:12-13?

In what way will the Lord 'repay' Alexander the metalworker? 2 TIMOTHY 4:14

How does the Lord's presence strengthen Paul, to carry out his ministry in difficult circumstances? 2 TIMOTHY 4:17-18

Paul confidently expects the Lord to bring him "safely into his heavenly kingdom" (2 TIMOTHY 4:18). In what sense is God's kingdom a present reality for you as a Christian?

How does Paul in his last words echo Jesus in Gethsemane, and on the cross? 2 TIMOTHY 4:17-18

Do you have a real sense and confidence in God's protection? Why/why not?

## FINISH

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