

Finding Strength in Tough Times

A Study of 2 Timothy 1

Preface

- Rome: The Mamertine Prison
- Authorship of 2 Timothy
- Second Timothy is Paul's final letter, written in Rome about AD 67.

Introduction

2 Timothy 1:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Acts 14:6-21
- Acts 16:1-5

I. Remember Your Heritage

2 Timothy 1:3-5 (NIV®)

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

II. Fan Into Flame Your Gift

2 Timothy 1:6-12 (NIV®)

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

III. Guard The Deposit Entrusted to You

2 Timothy 1:13-14 (NIV®)

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

IV. Be Strong In Grace

2 Timothy 1:15-18, 2:1 (NIV®)

¹⁵ You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶

May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷ On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

¹⁸ May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus. ^{2:1} You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

- Deuteronomy 31:6-7, 23
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Ephesians 6:10
- 2 Timothy 2:1

Conclusion

“And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher” (2 Timothy 1:11).