

Wednesday, March 25th Bible Study Notes
Cedarville United Presbyterian Church Facebook Live
2 Timothy 1:1-10

Where Are We In Scripture?

- See resource at end of this teaching on *Paul's Letters In Order*
- In 64AD, Nero began a major persecution of Christians – Paul was most likely killed in 66/67AD
- Somber tone – this imprisonment was most likely in a dark, cold prison cell as he awaited his death
- Many people had deserted Paul (Luke stayed) – Timothy's friendship was still strong

Who is Timothy? (vv 1-5)

- Even as Paul faces certain death, he wrote, "grace, mercy, and peace." Paul knew he would be with God in heaven because of his salvation through Christ
- Paul considered him a dear son in the faith
 - Timothy most likely became a Christian during Paul's first missionary visit to Lystra (see Acts 16:1-5)
 - Timothy had been with Paul on his second and third missionary journeys
- Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois were Jewish, so Timothy was taught the Old Testament scriptures. His father was Greek and not a believer
- Paul constantly prayed for Timothy
- *Question To Ponder: Who are some people in your life who shared Christ with you? What is your faith story? Who prayed for you, who told you Bible stories, who shared the gospel with you? Do they know the impact they had on you?*

Power, Love, and Self-Discipline (vv 6-7)

- "Fan the flame" = take what is already alive within you and make it larger
- He had been chosen by God and affirmed by the Paul through the laying on of hands – this is also how we ordain someone
- "The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid" = Timothy was facing a lot of opposition and may have been wavering not in his faith, but in his boldness to proclaim the gospel
- Sound Mind: from the Greek word *sophroneo*, which is a compound word combining *sodzo* and *phroneo*.
 - *Sodzo* = saved or delivered. It suggests something that is delivered, rescued, revived, salvaged, and protected and is now safe and secure.
 - *Phroneo* refers to every part of the human mind, including all the processes that are engaged in making the mind function and come to conclusions.

- Rick and Denise Renner @ www.renner.org

“When the words sodzo and phroneo are compounded into one word, they form the word sophroneo, which pictures a mind that has been delivered, rescued, revived, salvaged, and protected and is now safe and secure. Thus, even if your mind is tempted to succumb to fear, as was the case with Timothy, you can allow God’s Word and the Holy Spirit to work in you to deliver, rescue, revive, and salvage your mind. This means your rationale, logic, and emotions can be shielded from the illogically absurd, ridiculous, unfounded, and crazy thoughts that have tried to grip your mind in the past. All you have to do is grab hold of God’s Word and His Spirit.

“You see, when your mind is guarded by the Word of God, you think differently. When the Word of God is allowed to work in your mind, it safeguards your emotions; it defends your mind from demonic assault; and it shields you from arrows the enemy may try to shoot in your direction in order to arouse a spirit of fear inside you.”
- *Question to Ponder: How sound does your mind feel right now during this pandemic? I am guessing you are somewhere between unsettled and panicking. When our external circumstances change, there is always a period of adjustment—that’s totally normal. And things keep changing, so we are continually adjusting. What are some ways you can guard your mind right now, even in the midst of uncertainty?*

Called to a Holy Life (vv 8-10)

- If Timothy had the traits listed above, he would be bold
- God called us all to a holy life as a response to our salvation (vs. earning our way into heaven)
- We are saved by grace, through Christ’s death and resurrection

Resources I Used:

- The Reformation Study Bible
- The NIV Life Application Study Bible
- The Wiersbe Bible Commentary
- The Bible Knowledge Commentary
- <https://renner.org/what-does-it-mean-to-have-a-sound-mind/>

Paul's Letters

35AD Paul's conversion

46 - 48AD Paul's First Missionary Journey

49 / 50AD Paul attends the Council of Jerusalem

50AD Letter to the Galatians

50 - 52AD Paul's Second Missionary Journey

51/52AD First Letter to the Thessalonians

52AD Second Letter to the Thessalonians

53 - 57AD Paul's Third Missionary Journey

56AD First Letter to the Corinthians

56AD Second Letter to the Corinthians

57AD Letter to the Romans

57 - 60AD Paul's arrest, imprisonment & journey to Rome

60 - 62AD Paul in Rome awaiting trial before Nero

c.60AD Letter to the Ephesians

c.60AD Letter to the Colossians

c.60AD Letter to Philemon

c.60AD Letter to the Laodiceans (lost)

c.60AD Letter to the Philippians

62 - 67AD Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey

c.63AD First Letter to Timothy

c.63/64AD Letter to Titus

c.67AD Second Letter to Timothy

c.67AD Paul executed in Rome