

Do Not Be Ashamed

Proclamation Life Groups; 2 Timothy 1:1-18; Week of Sunday, July 24, 2016; Steve Thiel

Believing in God and having faith in Jesus enables us to be unashamed of the gospel and preach it with conviction, knowing that suffering is unavoidable. However, immortality is promised and certain to those who remain faithful.

I. Be Proud of the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 1:1-8a

- A. Why is helpful to know that Paul is an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God?
- B. What do we know about Paul's relationship with Timothy (vv.2-5)?
- C. Why do you think Paul reminds Timothy of his calling? Why does he remind him that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control (vv.6-7)?
- D. How is our calling different from Paul and Timothy? How is it the same?

II. Suffer for the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 1:8b-12

- A. What two commands does Paul issue in verse 8? How are they really one command?
- B. What situations have you encountered recently where it's been difficult to be a Christian?
- C. What components of the gospel are we reminded of in verses 9-10? Do you struggle to understand or believe any parts of the gospel? If so, which ones and why?
- D. According to verses 11-12, why is Paul suffering? Why is he willing to suffer?
- E. How does your fear of suffering impact your willingness to share the gospel? How does your clarity and confidence in the gospel impact your willingness to share the gospel?

III. Guard the Gospel – Read 2 Timothy 1:13-18

- A. How would you express the "pattern" or outline of the gospel in three short sentences?
- B. What do think people want to add or remove ideas (sin, judgment, etc.) from the gospel?
- C. Why does Paul bring up Phygelus, Hermogenes, and Onesiphorus? How are they helpful?