

Welcome to

# Journey through the Bible

Book by book Bible study



## 2 Timothy

### Keeping the faith in troubled times

### Paul's last will and testament

### Distinctives of 2 Timothy

- ☆ This is Paul's "valedictory address"
- ☆ His final letter from prison in Rome
- ☆ His execution will come very soon
- ☆ It reveals Paul's deep loneliness
- ☆ Defines the doctrine of inspiration
- ☆ Paul longs for Scriptures to read
- ☆ The manual for pastoral ministry

### 2 TIMOTHY Keeping the Faith in Troubled Times

Key words: Faith, Truth, Guard, Gospel, Grace, Love

Key verses: 4:2, 5, Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; ... discharge all the duties of your ministry.

1:3	2:1	3:1	4:1	4:22
Past Precedents	Present Problems	Future Prospects	Paul's Final Charge & Appeal to Timothy	
Suffering	Separation	Scripture	Steadfastness	
Pattern for ministry	Price of ministry	Priority in ministry	Perseverance in ministry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Fan into flame the gift of God</li> <li>*Join in suffering for the gospel</li> <li>*Guard the good deposit entrusted to you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Endure hardship like a good soldier</li> <li>*Present yourself a workman not ashamed</li> <li>*Flee evil desire,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Apostasy = terrible times</li> <li>*Stay grounded in Scripture</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">                     All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable ...                 </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Preach the Word!</li> <li>*Discharge your duties!</li> <li style="text-align: center;">↑</li> <li style="text-align: center;">Paul's Valedictory 4:6-8</li> <li style="text-align: center;">↑</li> <li>*Come to me quickly!</li> <li>*Bring the parchments!</li> </ul>	

Paul 65-67 AD from Rome

### Heritage of a godly home and family

I thank God, whom I serve, ... with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 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. (1:3-5)

### Paul's challenge to Timothy (to us)!

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. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (1:6-7)

**Every believer is gifted to serve.**  
**How are you, am I, using this gift?**

### **Never be ashamed to follow Christ!**

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord or ashamed of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—(1:8-9)

### **The challenge to Timothy and to us!**

### **It is all because of God's grace!**

—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, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus ... (1:9-10)

### **Remember all that Jesus did for us!**

### **Never be ashamed to follow Christ!**

... who has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because ...

(1:10-11)

### **The foundation of our faith**

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. (1:12)

**Since God gave His one and only Son, since Jesus died on the cross for us, and rose from the grave, never doubt His ability to help you in life's trials!**

### **Paul "passes the baton" to Timothy**

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (1:13–14)

**God has given us the Holy Spirit, you can always count on Him!**

### **Paul is in chains in a Roman prison**

Everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me. ... May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ... May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! (1:15–18)

### **We are called to be strong in our faith**

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 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. (2:1–2)

**The best way to ‘keep the faith’ is to give it away, to share it with others!**

### **Three patterns for Christian ministry- The disciplined life of a soldier**

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

(2:3–4)

**Our aim is to please Christ,  
our commanding officer!**

### **The hard work of an athlete, a farmer!**

Anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. (2:5–7)

### **Paul’s example of sacrificial service!**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2:8–10)

### **The Christian’s affirmation of faith**

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with Christ, 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. (2:11–13)

### **Some things are worth repeating!**

Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 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. (2:14–15)

**But, some things must be avoided!**

Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. (2:16–18)

**This truth you can count on!**

God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." (2:19)

**It is not who you know,  
it is Who knows you!**

**Don't settle for ordinary or average!**

In a large house there are vessels not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. ( 2:20–21)

**Know when to flee and when to fight!**

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome ...

(2:22–24)

**Know how to handle conflict!**

but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

(2:24–26)

**Terrible times (people) are coming!**

There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

**Terrible times (people) are coming!**  
—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. ... They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, ... their folly will be clear to everyone.

(3:1–9)

**Paul has given us a pattern to follow**

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings ... Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, (3:10–12)

**Now it is up to Timothy (and to us)**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (3:14–15)

**The Bible: the foundation of our faith**

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. (3:16–17)

**It is inspired by God and our final authority in faith and practice!**

**Paul's charge to Timothy (and to us)**

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

(4:1–2)

**Are we in those end times?**

The time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (4:3–4)

### **Paul's valedictory address!**

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith;  
(4:6-7)

### **But, that is not the end of his story!**

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

(4:8-9)

**The best is yet to be!**

### **Paul longs for his beloved Scriptures**

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, ... When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

(4:9–12)

### **Paul stood alone in his trial,**

At my first defense, no one came to my support, everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

(4:16–17)

**God is/will be with us in our trials!**

### **The Lord will bring Paul safely home**

I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. ... Do your best to get here before winter. (4:17–18)

**The Lord is here with us today,  
He will bring us safely home!**

**See you next week!**

**Hebrews-  
Christ is the  
all-sufficient  
sacrifice**

