

II Timothy, Chapter 1

A Call to Courage and Faithfulness

This is Paul's last letter, written not long before he was executed by Nero. It is a letter of encouragement to a young pastor who will soon be without his beloved mentor. It is a letter to all Christians as we hold to, and share, our faith in a fallen world.

1. The word encourage literally means "inject courage into". How has someone encouraged you during a difficult time in your life?

2. In verse 6 Paul instructs Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God (ESV). What do you think he is telling Timothy to do? How might this apply to you?

3. What are some practices you have put into place to keep your faith alive and active?

4. Consider verse 7. How might God's gifts of power, love, and discipline help the Christian overcome fear?

5. According to verses 13 and 14, what is it that Timothy is being instructed to do?

6. How might someone behave as if “ashamed” of the Gospel of Christ?

7. Romans 8:28 tells us that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love Him. What is the “good” of suffering? Read the scriptures below and match with the “good” outcome/purpose that God provides.

Matthew 5: 11-12

Bear Testimony

Acts 5: 38-41

Strengthening One’s Faith

II Corinthians 1:3-4

Heavenly Reward

I Thessalonians 1: 6-7

Comfort Others

Romans 5: 3-5

Discipline/Correction

Hebrews 12: 7-8

Glorify God