

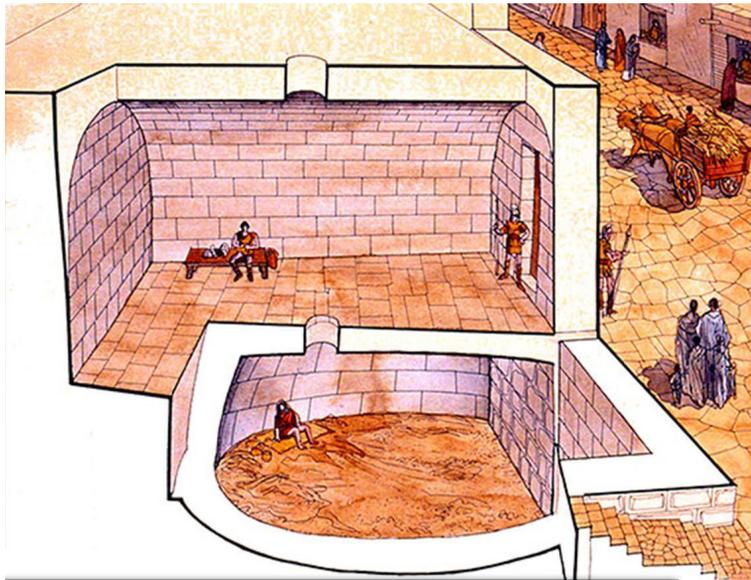
"A Spiritual Fathers Last Words"

2 Timothy II

Your Heritage

Power in the Written Word

During Paul's 2nd imprisonment.



ROME'S MAMERTINE PRISON



The Mamertine Prison could have been called the “House of Darkness.” Known in earlier times as the Tullianum dungeon,

Paul didn't expect acquittal; he expected to be found guilty, in all likelihood, for hating humankind.

Something happens the way you think when faced with life & death situations.

Paul was oppressed and stripped of all personal rights & possessions and now faced with death itself... Paul writes a letter to a Spiritual son... for the next several weeks we'll be studying

"A Spiritual Fathers Last Words"

Encourage you to go listen to last week's message & Intro....

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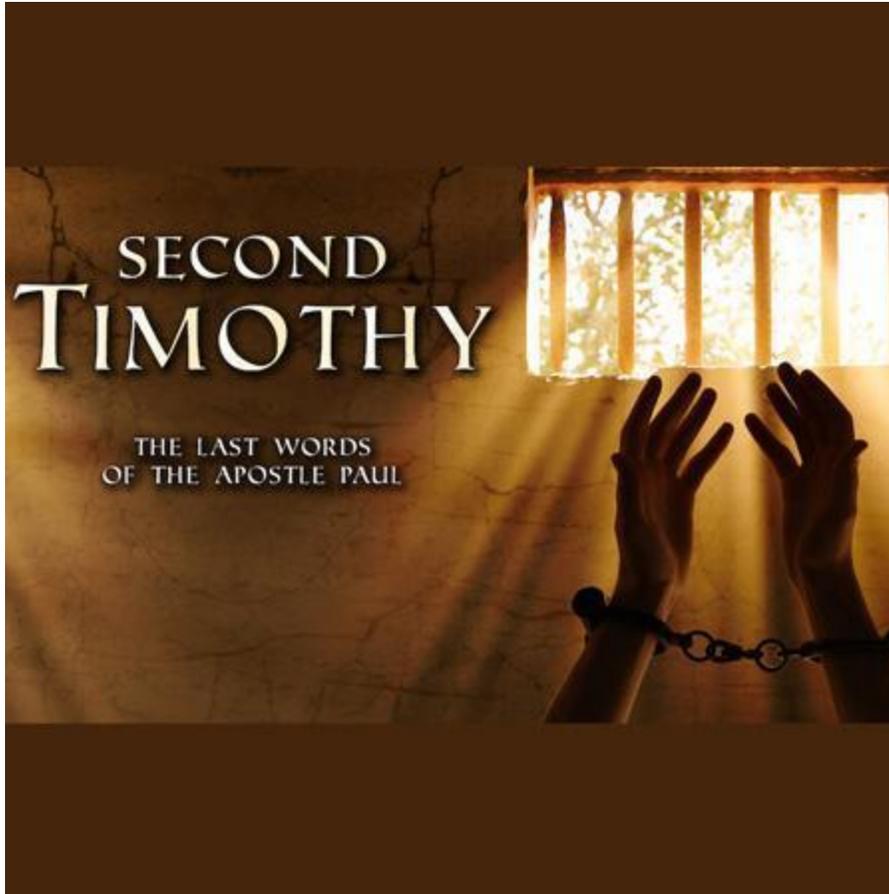


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Last week we covered Paul's Greeting

***2 Timothy 1: 1-2** NKJV

-Paul 1st states his office (apostle)

Apostle, (from Greek *apostolos*, “person sent”)

-Paul 2ndly states the authority by which he held his office.

by the will of God Not his own

-Paul 3rdly states the reason why it was given to him.

According to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus

Forgiveness of SINS... Eternal Salvation...

He then Renders a 3 fold blessing

***Grace, Mercy, & Peace* From God the Father & our Lord Jesus Christ.**

We defined each of these words concluding with PEACE

P-E-A-C-E (Perplexity Erased And Christ Embraced)

Today we'll pick it up at

***2 Timothy 1: 3-7 NKJV**

I thank God, whom *I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did,* as without ceasing I remember you in my

prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the *genuine faith* that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. Therefore I remind you to *stir up the gift of God* which is in you through the *laying on of my hands*. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Opening Prayer

As a Jew, Paul had been taught faith in the One True God & the proper way to Worship Him.

He said ,"*He serves with a pure conscience, as his forefathers did..*

So now as a follower of Jesus.. he does not see himself as abandoning those teachings, but instead discovers the fulfillment of them.

Traditionally, Jewish boys were instructed in the law by their fathers; however, since Timothy's father was Greek (Acts 16:1), his Jewish mother Eunice and grandmother Lois served as examples of faith.

Timothy's genuine faith: identified by his TEARS....

His tears for Paul's life was a display of how genuine his faith was... when others had abandoned... Timothy stood fast... knowing that ultimately... Paul's death as difficult to bear, would not render defeat... it was obedience to God's Will & GOD would ultimately get the VICTORY.

If God be FOR you, who can stand against?

Therefore.... He is reminded by Paul to, "STIR UP the GIFT of God that is IN him... "

The responsibility of keeping the fire lit deep in our soul, sits upon the one who owns the gift...

Look at your neighbor and ask them, “are YOU Stirring up the Gift?”

Now Paul did not specify exactly what the “gift” is specifically. We can see that there are various Gifts of the Spirit.

(1 Corinthians Ch 12-14)

which is in you through the **laying on of my hands.**

****1 Tim 4:14** NKJV

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the ***laying on of the hands of the eldership.***

This is why we have altar calls? Why we lay our hands on people when we pray for them? Why they fall on the floor? Why they babel in other tongues? Why we anoint with oil?

We Fulfill the Biblical mandate!!

The spiritual Father then reminds his spiritual son...

V.7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

fear The Greek word used here, deilia, refers to cowardice that results from a lack of moral strength.

Timothy may have been fearful to fulfill his duties because of a timid personality and the intense opposition he faced from false teachers.

Just as TODAY crowds of people are rising and speaking against BIBLICAL values... Cancel Culture - ANTIFA - Certain Sects of BLM - Ideologies of (some) of the LGBTQ community opposing the family unit... opposing those who stand for the family nucleus to be centered around the physiological &

biological act of PROCREATION -being fruitful & multiplying...
in other words.... For making babies... not *feelings or emotions...*

FEAR can immobilize & torment it's victims making them feel powerless & alone... Indecisions & or.... Wrong decisions are made that could give place to bondage and great suffering...

Paul reminds Timothy that such fear does not come from God's Spirit

In contrast - God gives us a spirit of POWER



***Dunamis* - Dynamite**

power refers to ***courage*** to fulfill his ministerial duties, namely,

the proclamation of the gospel

(compare Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 2:4)

***Acts 1:8**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

***1 Corinthians 2:4-5**

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

MY FAITH IS EXPLOSIVE

Gives us a Spirit of - Power & of LOVE

If someone was to identify the “Spirit” that resides in you as an individual..... What would that “spirit” be?

Timidity?, Fear?, Anger?,

**Or
LOVE?**

***Agape:* to have love for someone or something, based on sincere appreciation and high regard—‘to love, to regard with affection, have loving concern.**

****1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV**

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

love* is The greatest of the Christian virtues because *it places others before yourself...

As a Father would make sacrifices for his child.... His children would begin to make sacrifices for each other....

That WE would place each other Before ourselves.

Gives us a Spirit of POWER, and of LOVE &... of a

Sound Mind -



A combo word of *sos* SAFE, and *phrem* THE MIND.

SAFE THINKING - the word denotes good judgement, disciplined thought patterns, & the ability to understand and make right decisions.

Including the qualities of self-control, & self-discipline.

This morning I'm here to encourage you family, *so that you may KNOW* that whatever it is GOD has asked of you....

Having received the fullness of the HOLY SPIRIT & His GIFTS.....

GOD provides ENABLING POWER to exercise & fulfill the work of your ministry....

In the face of FEAR , REMEMBER YOUR CALLING from GOD

V.7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

We have within us:

- 1) The POWER of God, through the Holy Spirit, enabling us to NO LONGER be victims but be VICTORIOUS**
- 2) The perfect LOVE of God, poured into our lives through Jesus Christ & His abiding Presence.**
- 3) The MIND of Christ by which we can apply the ways of God in making “sound” choices .**

In application of this truth children, will determine whether we OVERCOME fear, or are overcome by it.

****1 John 5:4 NKJV**

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Have you received the GIFT by the laying on of hands from the eldership?? According to God’s Word??

Perhaps you stumbled across this post online by accident. Or someone invited you out of the blue..

Can I encourage you this morning... right there where you are, build an altar to the Lord and surrender your heart...

will you close your eyes and bow your heads w/ me??

Dear God, salvation prayer...

Closing Prayer....

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

If this was the 1st time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognized Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us..... [HYPERLINK "http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member"www.thepeakcc.com/new-member](http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member) Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”*

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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