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**FOCUS on the
FINISH LINE**



2 Timothy 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Paul & Timothy
Discipleship**

2 Timothy 1:3

**I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors,
with a clear conscience, as I remember you
constantly in my prayers night and day.**

◆ Begin with Prayer

2 Timothy 1:4

**As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I
may be filled with joy.**

- ◆ **Listen - Holy Spirit Gives Us God's Love**

2 Timothy 1:5

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

◆ Faith is Generational - Holy Spirit Makes Us a Family

2 Timothy 1:6-7

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 God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

- ◆ **Fan into Flame the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

2 Timothy 1:8

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

- ◆ **Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Share in Suffering**

What is 'the Gospel'?

Gospel – 'Evangelion'

= Good News

1. Military Victory

2. Birth of a New Emperor

2 Timothy 1:9-10

who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

◆ **This is the Gospel**

Our Response to the Gospel- Allegiance

2 Timothy 1:11-12

for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

2 Timothy 1:13

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

- ◆ **Who do you imitate?**
- ◆ **Who imitates you?**

2 Timothy 1:14

**By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the
good deposit entrusted to you.**

- ◆ **The good deposit—What will you do with the
Gospel?**

2 Timothy 1:15-18

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes...Onesiphorus...often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains...

Two Responses:

- ◆ **Are you in?**
- ◆ **Are you not?**

I'm in!

Four Ways to Act:

- **Come and pray and receive the gift!**
- **Share in suffering by sharing the Gospel.**
- **Reach out to someone to find your Paul or Timothy.**
- **Respond to the Gospel. Be all in! Get connected with a LifeGroup.**

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