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STUDY GUIDE

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CHAPTER

1

THE BOOK OF

2 TIMOTHY

Fight the Good Fight



2 Timothy 1

If you are new to the Story of the Bible or would like to review the Story:
Listen to the following TMTB Podcasts:

The Story: Understanding the “Big Story” (30 min)

Old Testament: Walk Through the Broad Story (27 min)

Timeline: New Testament Beginnings (35 min)

Letters: Paul’s Writing to the Churches–Part 1 (30 min)

REVIEW

In 1 Timothy, Paul instructs Timothy on how he should conduct himself in Ephesus in light of Paul’s absence. Timothy is warned about the Judaizers who would cause problems in the church at Ephesus. If Timothy was not careful, he would be led astray in his ministry.

Unfortunately, it appears that Timothy failed to heed Paul’s warnings and did indeed go astray in his faith. Thus, Paul writes 2 Timothy in order to exhort Timothy to “kindle afresh” his faith and ministry.



2 Timothy 1

MONDAY

Listen to the 2 Timothy 1 podcast.

TUESDAY

In 2 Timothy 1:8, Paul commands Timothy to “*join with in suffering*” for the gospel. In other words, Paul is suffering for the gospel and he exhorts Timothy to do the same.

Read the following verses and see Paul’s explanation of suffering throughout his letter: 1:8, 12; 2:3, 9; 3:11; 4:5.



2 Timothy 1

WEDNESDAY

As Paul begins to explain to Timothy in 1:9, one is not saved according to “*works*.” However, one is called into service of the gospel. In 2:9 Paul explains that he is suffering as an “*evil worker*” (probably translated as “*criminal*”). Track the use of “*works*” throughout Paul’s second letter to Timothy (1:9; 2:9, 15; 21; 3:17; 4:5, 14, 18).

Whose works does Paul view as evil and whose are good?

How does this relate to his argument to Timothy?



2 Timothy 1

THURSDAY

What is Paul's motivation for gospel service?

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12.

How does eschatology (words about end times) explain Paul's reasoning?



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FRIDAY

In light of our study from yesterday (words about end times and their impact on how one should live) and our study from Tuesday (suffering), what would be two reasons for abandoning one's gospel service?

(Hint: read 2: 1-13 and 4:9-11).