

2 Timothy – Encouragement to Persevere and Endure

B. Recalling his calling (v. 8-14)

1. no shame, join in

- a. because God delivered and called
- b. not because we are great...
- c. but because His own plan and kindness

*God uses us because, out of His kindness, he allows us into His plan

*Us in the plan is only possible through our Rescuer, Jesus, the Messiah

2. Paul was “placed” as...

- a. a herald or proclaimer
- b. an apostle
- c. instructor of Gentiles

*from broad to specific (sharer of the Gospel, commissioned by Jesus, exact plan as the teacher to Gentiles)

*Zoom In – Zoom Out principle

3. Paul expresses value and trust in God

- a. he was in prison because of what God called him to do
- b. he is not remorseful (presented as real)
 - i. he was sure in God’s ability
 - ii. he trusts God with life deposits
 - iii. no fear for the future
- c. Paul encourages Timothy
 - i. possess the healthy message...
 - ii. ...in faith and love
 - iii. guard what’s been deposited into your life...

*it’s a play on words – Paul trust’s God with his life’s deposits and wants Timothy to trust what’s been deposited in him

- iv. ...by the indwelling Holy Spirit

*The Spirit is what makes all of this life possible

*God in us: leading, comforting, interceding, bringing God’s Word to memory, among many other things.

C. Paul in solitude and refreshed (v. 15-18)

1. Asian Christians abandoned Paul

2. One brought him new life and energy

- i. no shame or fear of Paul affiliation
- ii. he went through the trouble...

*The “refresher” had a profound impact on Paul