



Sermon Discussion: July 12, 2026 *Hope's Vision: Fearless, Relentless, Relevant*

2 Timothy 1:7-14

⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

1. **One Aware Question:** In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in you or in your One during your One Aware experience?

Read 2 Timothy 1:7-14.

2. Do you consider yourself **Fearless**? What is the most fearless act you've ever done?
3. What is Paul experiencing as he writes this letter? Where is he? (may need to do a little poking around in your Bible's notes)
4. Make a list of several words that are repeated in the passage.

5. What does Paul invite his reader to join him in? Why is Paul suYering?
6. What does Paul encourage the reader to “hold to”, and how?
7. Summarize the reading in a few sentences and share with the group.
8. Paul states that suYering should not cause us shame. As you consider suYering in your own life, have you ever felt shame because of suYering? Why or why not?
9. SuYering because of faith was radically diYerent in Paul’s time. Even though we no longer face lions or crucifixes, we may still find it diYicult to be bold in our faith. Why do you think that is?
10. Paraphrase what Paul means when he says “guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you.” How can you actively/practically ‘guard the good deposit’ this week?
11. What are the implications of this reading for our church, since it is part of our vision statement?
12. Is there an area of faith where you feel God is calling you to leave timidity behind? Share your challenge area with your group. Pray for one another regarding these challenges this week.