

Confidently Faithful (the opposite of Ashamed)

1. Confidently Faithful in spite of Suffering.

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- Jesus promised it. Paul experienced it. You, Timothy, will too.
- How to remain Faithful and Confident? Know, Believe, Convinced

2. Confidently Faithful because of Retained Truth.

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- What are: "sound words"? The whole message of Jesus Christ.
- Sound teaching produces: Convictions - the courage of Conviction.
- Method of Teaching? "in faith and love"
- Timothy: You have these Words and the Holy Spirit - guard it.

3. Confidently Faithful in spite of Disappointment.

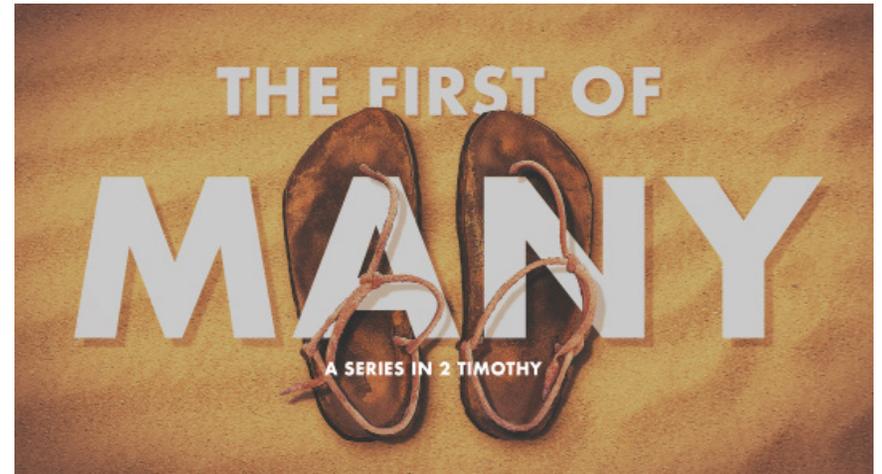
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- Who are these guys? Blasted by Paul - so probably leaders.
- Why would they desert Paul? Identification with Paul = danger.

4. Confidently Faithful because of Encouragers.

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- Notice the power of having encouragers in your life: refreshment and the encouragement to continue. A powerful gift.



**2Timothy
1:11-18 ESV**

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But I am not ashamed: In chapter 1 Paul tells Timothy that he must have is an attitude of great courage. There are great pressures from inside the church and the society outside. And so in verses 6–18 three times Paul mentions "not being ashamed". (verses 8, 12, 16). And that is a key theme in this letter; Paul is telling Timothy, "you cannot be ashamed of Christ. If you're going to be effective you have to be bold, you have to be courageous, you have to take your stand and then you will influence others and advance the Kingdom." (MacArthur) "Being ashamed" (epaischynomai) has the subjective sense of being embarrassed or afraid of ridicule. The NT writers recognized the constant temptation of Christians to be ashamed of a gospel that presented God's self-revelation in the weak and foolish (by worldly standards) form of a crucified Messiah. Thus Paul testifies in Rom. 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel." In 2 Tim. 1:12, likewise, he states that although he suffers, "I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed." He also exhorts Timothy, "Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner" (v 8; cf. v 16). Jesus warned that at His second coming He will be ashamed of those who draw back from following Him out of fear of human opinion (Mk. 8:38). (Dozeman)
for I know whom I have believed: He is saying, "I continue to believe in the one I have already believed in. Notice it's not in what I have believed, it's in whom I have believed. Even a feeble faith can grasp and find confidence in a strong Savior. Paul's trust in God is based in someone he knows. This is personal knowledge coming from the intimate close relationship he maintains with the Lord. Paul knows Christ and has seen Him at work and so no matter the circumstances, he trusts Him.
I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day: What

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Zakk Ulher teaching, 2 Timothy 2:1-9

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is Paul convinced of? He believes that the Lord is powerful enough to keep, guard, provide, and protect His Gospel mission and His Gospel ministers until the day He returns in glory. Paul trusts the Lord and he is encouraging Timothy to do the same. The opposite of Ashamed is Convinced.

Follow the pattern of the sound words: What are the “sound words”? The words of content and knowledge that Paul shared to the church which Timothy heard. They are sound because they are inspired by the Holy Spirit (14) and come through a Christ appointed Apostle. They are teaching words spoken with a humble attitude: “the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”. What is the pattern? It’s the outline, the form, the theological bullet points; it’s Paul’s customary teaching pattern.

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us: Yet another exhortation to Timothy. He has been entrusted with a gift, function, mission, ministry from God (good deposit entrusted) and Timothy is to guard it. Timothy has also been entrusted with “sound teaching” and he needs to guard it as well.

all who are in Asia turned away from me: While Paul exhorts Timothy to courage, he sets before him examples of cowardice and inconstancy”. Paul could be referring to teachers of false doctrines, since through their errors they had already become separated from Paul in principle. His work there had been centered on Ephesus and marked a high point in his Gentile mission (Acts 19:1–20:38). But he had predicted that after his departure there would be division and defection within the Ephesian church (Acts 20:29f.). And so it had proved, in a defection that may have drawn away disciples from the other churches of Asia as the movement spread. Paul names two whose actions had been particularly surprising and hurtful to Paul that were known by Timothy.

Phygelus and Hermogenes: These two, possibly ringleaders, who have deserted him he names, either because their conduct had affected him most unpleasantly, or because they were specially known to Timothy. Paul shares with Timothy one of the most painful things he, as a Teacher, Apostle has had to endure: the personal/spiritual disloyalty that leads to division of a congregation from people who were a part of your ministry.

Onesiphorus: Over against these, was the bearing of Onesiphorus who Paul gives honorable mention in vers. 16–18. Onesiphorus was probably from Ephesus (see chap. 4:19). It is not impossible that he was a merchant, and had come to Rome upon business, and felt himself impelled, by this opportunity, to manifest his sympathy in the fate of the Apostle. He often refreshed me, writes Paul; through practical proofs of love, and not, merely through meat and drink, but through everything he had done, he gave joy to the heart of the imprisoned Apostle.

was not ashamed of my chains: Prisoners like Paul needed to be provisioned by their own resources or from associates. Onesiphorus did not shrink away from finding chained prisoner Paul and then taking care of his needs. What is implicated is that others who could have stood by Paul as he is imprisoned for the faith have already been ashamed of his situation and departed. Paul hopes that Onesiphorus’ good deeds will be rewarded and that he will “find mercy from the Lord on that day!”

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2 Timothy 1:11-18

The Message (Translation)

¹¹ This is the Message I’ve been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It’s also the cause of all this trouble I’m in.

¹² But I have no regrets. I couldn’t be more sure of my ground—the One I’ve trusted in can take care of what he’s trusted me to do right to the end.

¹³⁻¹⁴ So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It’s as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

¹⁵⁻¹⁸ I’m sure you know by now that everyone in the province of Asia deserted me, even Phygelus and Hermogenes. But God bless Onesiphorus and his family! Many’s the time I’ve been refreshed in that house. And he wasn’t embarrassed a bit that I was in jail. The first thing he did when he got to Rome was look me up. May God on the Last Day treat him as well as he treated me. And then there was all the help he provided in Ephesus—but you know that better than I.