

## **DARING FAITH**

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### **Week 8: Daring To Keep The Faith**

Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup> I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. <sup>5</sup> I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. <sup>6</sup> This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. <sup>13</sup> Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:3-7, 13-14 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. <sup>25</sup> Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. <sup>26</sup> Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. <sup>3</sup> They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. <sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. <sup>5</sup> They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

### **Last Days Attitudes**

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<sup>10</sup> But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. <sup>11</sup> You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.

<sup>14</sup> But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:10-17 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

<sup>3</sup> For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

<sup>5</sup> But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. <sup>8</sup> And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (NLT)

### **Choosing a Christlike Attitude**

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## REVIEW IT

There are things in life that last and things in life that fade. When it comes to our faith, we want it to last. How can we keep the faith until the end? We must hold on to lasting hope and lasting instructions. The book of 2 Timothy in the New Testament is all about lasting faith. Paul, the writer, tells Timothy how the truth of God's word and commitment to Christ helped him make it in the end. Along the way he gives a picture of what it will look like in the last days, but also how being faithful to the teachings we learned from Christ will help us remain faithful.

**Spend some time in the word: Read 2 Timothy**

## TALK ABOUT IT

1. Who are some examples of people in your life who have kept the faith and finished well?
2. As you read 2 Timothy, what's one thing that stood out to you?
3. Look over that list of about 20 last days attitudes in chapter 3 verses 1-5. Each of you choose one and show how that attitude is growing in our culture. Consider how it also might be growing in your own life.

## ACT ON IT

This week is passion week. Consider reading through the events between palm Sunday and Jesus rising from the dead and make note of some of the Christlike attitudes in his last days. You can find these events in Luke chapters 19-24.

## PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for saving me. I want my faith in you to grow and to last. Help me to endure through discouraging circumstances and things I wish weren't happening. Help me to remember that I don't have to fight every battle today, I just need to be faithful in today's battles. Help me run the race today, I ask this in your name, Amen.*