

2 Timothy: A Life Well Lived



2 Timothy 1:3-7

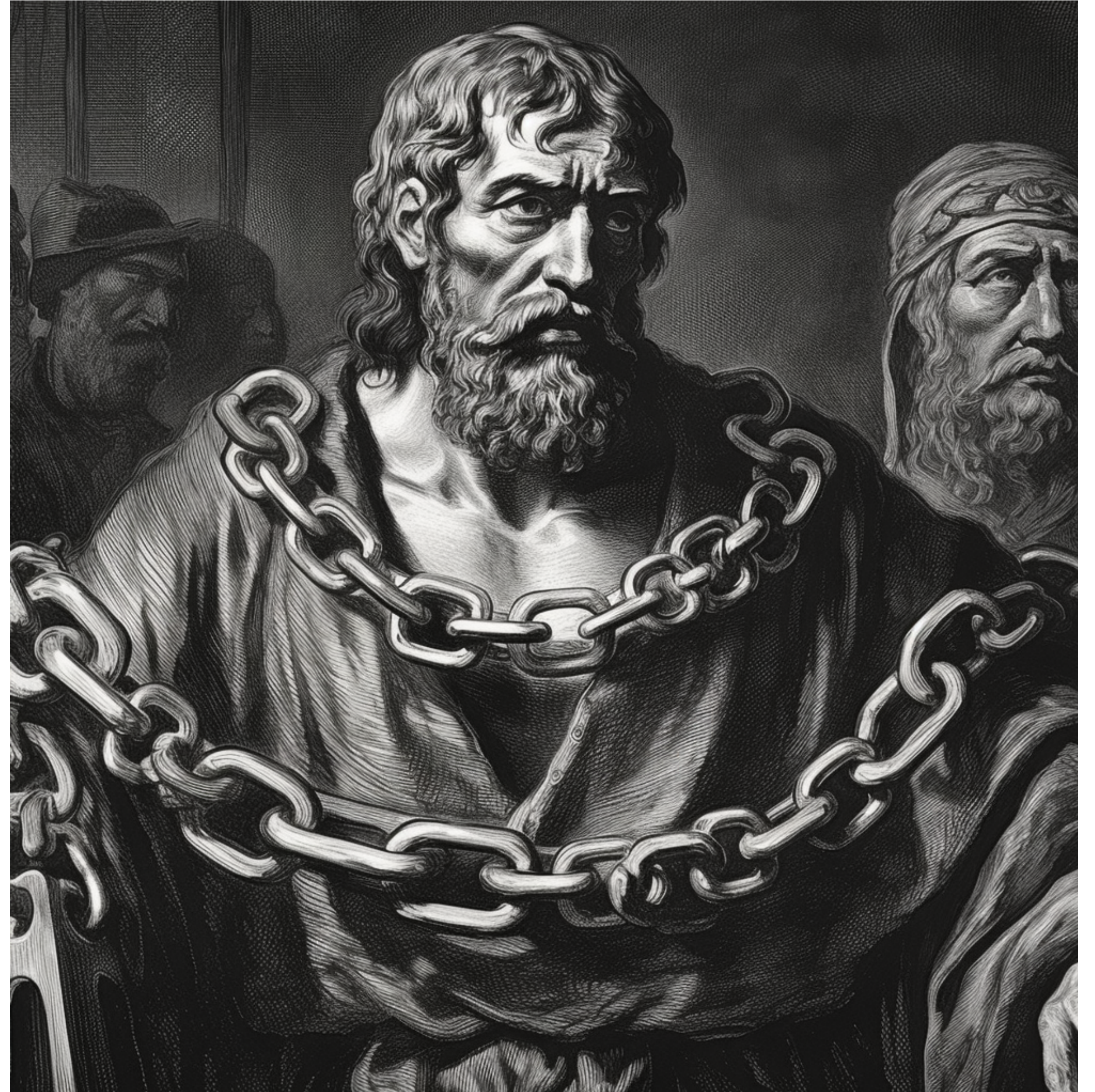


No Fear

[3] I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. [4] As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. [5] I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. [6] For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, [7] for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

What Was Paul's Identity

- *“I Thank God whom I serve”* - At the end of the line, Paul still defines himself
- *“As did my ancestors”* - Paul reminds us that our true “ancestors” are those who have believed before us.
- *“With a clear conscience”* - Paul had been true to the gospel and his calling. He wasn't sinless, but he was faithful.



How do you choose to define who you are?

What Was Paul's Joy

- *“I Long to see you”* - Paul's love for Timothy was a simple, uncomplicated love that those who pray for you have for you.
- *“I am reminded of your sincere faith”* - Despite Timothy's failures and weaknesses, Paul believed in Timothy's faith, and he believed in Timothy.



Who in your life believes in your faith?

What Is Our Power

- *“Fan into flame the gift of God”* - The Power God gives those who follow Him is to be practiced lest we lose it. While we can never lose our salvation, we can lose Gods gifts.
- *“God gave us a spirit not of fear”* - We, like Timothy, can sometimes become afraid. Paul lived without fear because God was with him always. God promises to always be with those who follow Him.
- *“But of Power and love and Self-Control”* - Instead of Fear, we are promised Power over sin, Love that overflows, and Self-Control to become stronger.



Do you live in fear of your failure, or do you choose to live in the power, love, and self-control of the Spirit?

How Shall We Live?

- We Choose the Spirit by practicing the things we are taught — we can't grow if we don't do.
- We Put Aside Fear by bringing your successes and failures to God in prayer, believing that he takes both and works.

**Fearless promises a life shaped by faith over fear
for any who decide to follow him.**