KEEP CALM AND ...



"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!" (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

Pastor Billy Venezia kicked off our new series, *Keep Calm And...*, as we study the epistle of 2 Timothy. We discovered the historical context of the letter and the rampant persecution that was prevalent at the time of its writing. The beginning of Paul's final letter was a heartfelt exhortation to his beloved friend, Timothy, to "Keep Calm and Do Not Fear."

- 1. Just as Paul was called to be an apostle by the will of God, the Lord has also called you by His Will. We are ultimately in the Sovereign Hands of God. [Vs. 1-2]
 - How have you considered these truths in your life recently?
- 2. Paul was thankful, served with a clear conscience, and he prayed. [Vs. 3-4]
 - What relationship are you thankful for this week? Why?
 - How do you pray for others whom you love dearly?
- 3. Paul exhorted Timothy to recall his faithful heritage and to live likewise. [Vs. 5]
 - What does it mean to have genuine faith?
 - What can we glean from the faith of Lois and Eunice, and how it impacted Timothy?
 - How does the concept of a spiritual heritage impact your understanding of faith and discipleship towards the coming generations?

APPLICATION

- How has the allowance of compromise in your life jeopardized others to see a genuine faith in your walk? How have you been tempted to compromise your faith recently?
- 4. Paul challenged Timothy to "stir the faith" that once was! [Vs. 6]
 - Evaluate your spiritual journey. When were you the healthiest and closest to God? What things were you doing then that might be different now?
 - Is there anything this group can do to help rekindle the flame of faith you once had?
- 5. Paul emphasized that we are not to have a spirit of fear (timidity) but instead lean in on the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind! [Vs. 7]
 - Do not fear. Why is this command so prevalent in God's Word?
 - What are you fearful of right now and how is it affecting your life?
 - How has God's power, love, or sound mind helped you this week?
- PRAYER Pray that you would be genuine in your faith, repulsed by compromise, and free of fear.



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