

Sermon study 2 Timothy 1:1-18 "Legacy"

Use this outline as a guide. You can talk about it a different way if you like but whatever you do make sure the depth of this study is depth of APPLICATION. Do not make it your goal to get sidetracked determining the meaning. The goal is to move forward from the message into actual real life and specific application. Be creative and follow up about application. Imagine a church where the people actually applied what they learned. Wow.

The problem this sermon addresses

We might fail to pass on sound doctrine because we do not pass on the heritage, passion and courage that goes with it.

We cannot pass on what we do not possess.

Do you understand your godly heritage of the faithful?

Are you passionate about serving the body of Christ in some capacity?

What have you courageously stood for?

What is the example of faith you will pass on?

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Guard the good deposit entrusted to you

Main Idea:

We must pass on our faithful heritage. We must pass on our passion. We must pass on our courage. We must pass on an example...or our doctrine will die with us.

I. We must pass on our faithful heritage (2 Timothy 1:1-5)

A. Paul expresses his shared heritage of faith in his greeting with young Timothy. He refers to his ancestors and then is thankful for Timothy being of the same faith. Paul is linking Timothy to his own faithful heritage.

1. Read Genesis 26:23-25; 28:10-13; and Exodus 3:1-6. Pay attention to the way the heritage of faith grows.
2. Read Hebrews 11:17-12:2. You fit into this heritage of the faithful. People have come before you and people will come after you but for now you have the baton. How can we pass on our faith heritage to those we invest in? Discuss specific ways this might be done.

II. We must pass on our passion (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

A. Paul exhorts Timothy to stir up his passion for exercising his gift in service to the Lord.

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:14. What is the gift Paul is referring to?
2. Why did Paul use the word 'us' in verse 7. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-11 for the answer why.
3. Why might Paul have said in verse 7 that the God did not give us a spirit of fear. Read 1 Corinthians 16:10 for a possible answer.
4. What does it look like to lack passion? Read Judges 10:1-5. These men were given a great stewardship and they did nothing with it. What about you? Have you found a passion for serving God's church in some capacity yet? Why not? Discuss ways to worship God through service to His body.

III. We must pass on our courage (2 Timothy 1:8-14)

- A. Paul urges Timothy to not be ashamed of the Gospel noting that he is not ashamed of the Gospel. Paul urges Timothy to guard the good deposit entrusted to him. This is the sound doctrine he had been taught. He was to stand firm and be courageous in holding it.
1. Read Matthew 26:6-15. How is Judas just like you?
 - a) Read Matthew 26:30-35. How is Peter just like you?
 - b) Read Matthew 26:69-75. How have we failed like Peter?
 2. Read Mark 8:38; Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and 1 Peter 4:14-17. What do these verses have in common?
 3. Remember the godly heritage of the faithful referred to above? Read Hebrews 11:13-16. God is not ashamed to be called your God. How does this color the previous verse you just read?
 4. How do you need to stand courageously for the gospel in your daily life? Discuss.
 5. Here is an example of courage:
 - a) During China's Boxer Rebellion of 1900, insurgents captured a mission station, blocked all the gates but one, and in front of that one gate placed a cross flat on the ground. Then the word was passed to those inside that any who trampled the cross underfoot would be permitted their freedom and life, but that any refusing would be shot. Terribly frightened, the first seven students trampled the cross under their feet and were allowed to go free. But the eighth student, a young girl, refused to commit the sacrilegious act. Kneeling beside the cross in prayer for strength, she arose and moved carefully around the cross, and went out to face the firing squad. Strengthened by her example, every one of the remaining ninety-two students followed her to the firing squad. (Today in the Word, Feb. 89, p. 17)

IV. We must pass on an example (2 Timothy 1:15-18)

- A. Paul illustrated his exhortations with the example of Onesiphorus. Even though everyone else left him Onesiphorus found him and refreshed him. He was not ashamed of Paul's chains. He was not ashamed of the humiliation of the Gospel.
1. Specifically how does 1 Timothy 1:6, 19; 5:15; 6:10, 21, differ from 2 Timothy 1:15; and 4:16?
 2. Paul has illustrated the picture of a faithful heritage of passion and courage. These traits seem to go with sound doctrine. Read Acts 4:13. Notice the disciples were said to hold qualities of their Lord not just His teaching. Read back to 2 Timothy 1:7 and 14. How does this encourage you today?

V. Or our sound doctrine dies with us (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

- A. Read 2 Timothy 4:6-7. This letter was Paul's last will and testament. Tradition holds that he was beheaded after this letter. In these last words Paul writes a discipleship training manual. Why? Read Judges 2:6-10. If we do not pass on our faithful heritage our passion and courage; if we don't pass on an example or doctrine will die with us. Read 1 Samuel 2:12, 27-29 and 4:12-22. How does this relate to the message?

Discuss specific ways to apply this to your lives and then spend some time finding ways to tell your story. Perhaps you can use Facebook or even keep a journal that you pass on to someone you invest in down the road. It may mean a lot to someone else to see that their struggles are not new.

It's your time church. What will you do with it?

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