

WHEN LIFE IS HARD
Courageous Message Series Week 1
1 Timothy 1:1-2
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Background of 1 Timothy:

- Author: Paul
- Recipient: Timothy
- Purpose: To direct Timothy as a young pastor
- Written: AD 64
- Place: Ephesus
- Key verses: 1 Timothy 3:14-15
- Topics:
 - False teachings
 - Public worship
 - Church leadership
 - Caring for the vulnerable
 - Money/wealth

When life is hard, find hope and encouragement in God's...

1. **Grace** (Ephesians 2:4-9; 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:8-10)

God's

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At

Christ's

Expense

2. **Mercy** (Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:4-5)

Mercy – God's steadfast love and tender compassion that leads to us not getting the punishment we deserve.

3. **Peace** (Romans 5:1; John 14:27, 16:33)

Two aspects of God's peace:

- Peace with God
- Inner peace for living