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2 Timothy 1
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

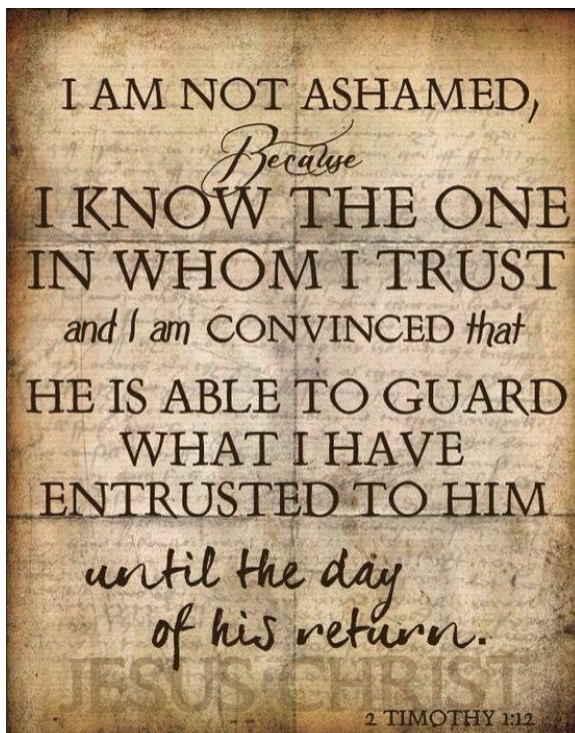
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a series on 2 Timothy. 2 Timothy is a very personal letter that Paul writes to Timothy, who has studied under him and traveled with him for years. In this letter Paul is both an encourager, and full of challenges for Timothy. He has trained Timothy and brought him up in the faith. Now Paul sees the end of his own life coming and wants to pass on these last words to his young partner in the faith. In chapter 1 Paul talks of Timothy's encouragement to him and challenges him to use what God has entrusted with him. This week we will look at how we can both be encouraged and be an encourager. We will also seek to understand how we can use what God has entrusted with us just as Paul instructed Timothy to use what God had entrusted to him.



2 Timothy 1 New English Translation

Salutation

1 From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to further the promise of life in Christ Jesus, ² to Timothy, my dear child. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

Thanksgiving and Charge to Timothy

³ I am thankful to God, whom I have served with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I remember you in my prayers as I do constantly night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I recall your sincere faith that was alive first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am sure is in you.

⁶ Because of this I remind you to rekindle God's gift that you possess through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a Spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me, a prisoner for his sake, but by God's power accept your share of suffering for the gospel. ⁹ He is the one who saved us and called us with a holy

calling, not based on our works but on his own purpose and grace, granted to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but now made visible through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus. He has broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel! ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher. ¹² Because of this, in fact, I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, because I know the one in whom my faith is set and I am convinced that he is able to protect what has been entrusted to me until that day. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound words that you heard from me and do so with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Protect that good thing entrusted to you, through the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

¹⁵ You know that everyone in the province of Asia deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my imprisonment. ¹⁷ But when he arrived in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me. ¹⁸ May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day! And you know very well all the ways he served me in Ephesus.

🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Where do you see hints of Paul's purpose?

9. In verse 6 what does it mean to rekindle God's gift?

10. Verse 8 says to not be ashamed. Why would Timothy be ashamed?

11. Why is Paul suffering? (look at verse 12)

12. Come up with a 3 word title for this section that points to Paul's main idea.

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Have you ever been hesitant to proclaim your faith? When and why?

14. Why was Timothy an encouragement to Paul? How can you be an encouragement to other Christians?

15. In verse 6 Timothy is told to rekindle God's gift, and in verse 14 to protect that good thing entrusted to you. What has God entrusted you with? How can you make good use of it?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES