

# THE CHARGE

## A STUDY IN 2 TIMOTHY

### Week 2 - 2 Timothy 1:8-18

#### TEXT –

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

#### INTRODUCTION –

The Apostle Paul continues his “charge” to Timothy. Paul told Timothy to remain confident in the gospel.

The theme of this section of text is “not ashamed.” Paul told Timothy to “not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner” (2 Timothy 1:8). Paul was serving God and because of that, he was in prison. As Christ followers, we also will suffer, not because we are doing wrong, but because we are being obedient to God. Jesus suffered. He followed God’s will—He was “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8b).

Even through times of suffering, we must remain confident in the gospel! More often than not, we can feel timid in following Jesus, especially during trials and suffering. We can stand steadfast or firm. Paul told Timothy to be spiritually loyal (steadfast) by clinging to God’s word. Knowing God and the power of His gospel establishes confidence. We are to live a life worthy of the gospel, not one that is ashamed it.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Q1 - What does the gospel mean?

Q2 - What does it look like to live a life worthy of the gospel?

Q3- Paul told Timothy to be spiritually loyal to God's Word. How can you be loyal to God's Word?

Q4 - The Spirit would help Timothy guard the truth. Read John 16:13. How does He help us?

Q5 - How often do we praise God during times of suffering?

## **APPLICATION/ACTION -**

Let's take some time to reflect on a typical week of life. Identify where the gospel is present and where it is not. Remember that the Spirit of God is who guides us, walks with us and points us towards Jesus. Think about how if we began to align our will with the Spirit's will, how our lives may begin to reflect the gospel.

## **PRAYER -**

Following the ACTS prayer method (Ask, Confess, Thank, Supply), take the next 5 minutes:

- Asking The Spirit to help us walk in step with him
- Confess where we fall short daily/weekly
- Thank Him for his guidance
- Supplication... Petition for what we *need*

# **Worship**

**THIS WEEK, CONSIDER LISTENING TO:**

**Fall Afresh by Jeremy Riddle**