
Leaving A Legacy: A Study In 2 Timothy

"Facing Reality"

2 Timothy 1:13-18

10-30-22

Introduction: As we work our way through 2 Timothy, Paul has started his letter with the goal of encouraging Timothy.

1. To do this, he has reminded him of God's work in his life and used his own experience with Christ to inspire confidence in Timothy.
2. In our text today he concludes his opening appeal, but in doing so, he's not ignoring reality.
3. The world Timothy operated in was hostile to the cause of Christ.
4. Paul doesn't ignore this fact, he did not let it defeat him, and neither should Timothy.

I. A Call To Faithfulness

A. Retain Sound Words

B. Guard The Treasure

II. Adjust For Reality

A. Very Discouraging People

B. Very Encouraging People

Conclusion: Like Timothy, we are called to be faithful. And like Timothy, we live and serve in a hostile world.

1. To address this hostility, we have Christ and each other.
2. But the reality is, we humans are imperfect and can disappoint. Don't let this defeat you.
3. There are others who offer refreshment and energize us.
4. Make sure you have these kinds of people in your life.
5. They can help you overcome anything life throws at you.