



## GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

**THE GOOD FIGHT! 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18**

DATE

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You**

<sup>3</sup> I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to <sup>[a]</sup> 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, <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound <sup>[d]</sup> words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

<sup>15</sup> You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup> May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, <sup>17</sup> but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— <sup>18</sup> 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.



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1. What has God been teaching you so far in our series in 2 Timothy?
2. What has been the most challenging word that you've heard in the this series so far? What is God calling you to do about it?
3. What does it mean to live in an unashamed manner? What are some ways our world is trying to shame believers right now?
4. Review the 13 Questions of "Am I Living Ashamed?" How would you rate yourself? What are some ways your group can encourage each other to live unashamed?
5. How is your spiritual fire? How does your life need to be "stoked" right now?
6. What is one area you are hoping God would grow you in this fall in your group?



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*Below is a recap of the 13 questions that were referenced in Robbie's sermon of September 20<sup>th</sup>.*

1. Am I ashamed to read the Bible on the train?
2. Am I ashamed to place a Bible on my desk at work?
3. Am I ashamed to pray with a brother or sister in public?
4. Am I ashamed to speak out on issues that matter to Jesus?
5. Am I ashamed to (ever) mention Jesus in a post on social media?
6. Am I ashamed to thank God when I announce the birth of my child?
7. Am I ashamed to select "Christian" in "Religious Views" on my Facebook profile?
8. Am I ashamed to mention the name "Jesus" when I am with people who aren't Christian?
9. Am I ashamed to thank God for my meal when when people who aren't Christians are present?
10. Am I ashamed to communicate my disapproval when a colleague or friend blasphemes the name of Jesus?
11. Am I ashamed to display my faith in a way that would be visible to guests when they enter my home?
12. Am I ashamed to explain that the reason for my "goodness" (not swearing, being honest at work, etc.) is not because I am nice but because I love Jesus?
13. Am I ashamed to meet with other Christians in public gatherings outside of church (e.g. at the Christian group at university, or the lunchtime prayer meeting at work)?