

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18
WEEK OF APRIL 27 – May 2

PAUL'S CALL TO BE COURAGEOUS AND UNASHAMED OF CHRIST

Paul was first imprisoned in Rome from AD 60 to 62. It was during that time he wrote the prison epistles. After Paul was released from that first imprisonment, he visited many of the cities where he earlier established churches. During this period of freedom, Paul wrote 1 Timothy and Titus. On July 19, 64 A.D., the city of Rome was burned. Nero blamed Christians for the fire. On July 24, 64 A.D. Rome initiated a systematic state sponsored persecution of Christians. As a result of the persecution, Paul was seized and imprisoned a second time, probably in 66-67 AD. Many Christians were martyred during this persecution. Paul, knowing he too would likely soon be executed, wrote this second letter to Timothy to encourage Timothy to stand firm, to be unashamed of the gospel and to courageously proclaim the Word of God in the face of great persecution from Roman authorities coupled with difficulties from within the church caused by the false teachers. Paul, in this last letter, was giving his final written instruction to his beloved child in the faith.

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-5 Truths to motivate continued growth in godliness and ministry

1. How would Paul's introductory words to Timothy provide him with encouragement and motivation to continue to grow in spiritual maturity and devotion to ministry?

2. In what ways can you apply these same principles to encourage another believer?

3. What principle in **2 Timothy 1:5** do you also find in **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**? How is this an encouragement to mothers and fathers?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-18 Truths to Stand Courageously and Unashamedly

4. What is Paul's instruction and exhortation to Timothy in **verses 6 and 7**?

5. Apparently, Paul saw some timidity in Timothy. In contrast to timidity, Paul refers to God's provision for life and ministry for all believers. What is it that God provides and what does each mean?

6. Paul, in **2 Timothy 1:8**, tells Timothy "do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me". Why do you think Paul warned Timothy of this?

7. How do the truths from **versus 8(b) – 10** instruct and motivate you to faithfully, courageously and unashamedly serve Christ?

8. How is the prayer of **Col.1:9-13** related to the truths of **2 Timothy 1:8-10**?

9. Paul confidently states in **2 Timothy 1:12** “I am not ashamed”. What truth(s) in **verse 12** provide the basis of Paul's confident statement?

“His [Paul's] confidence did not come from a creed or a theological system or a denomination or an ordination. It came solely from a close unbroken relationship with God, to whom he unreservedly gave his life, going about his divine mission with no concern for his own welfare, safety or life. Without the least reservation, all of those things were entrusted to him until that day.” [2 Timothy Commentary](#), John MacArthur, page 28

10. How does the truth of **verse 12** encourage you personally to speak and act confidently, courageously and boldly to live a life of obedience to the scripture and to proclaim the truth of the gospel?

11. What additional exhortation does Paul give in **2 Timothy 1:13-14**?

12. Those with whom we associate can affect our spiritual courage. In **verses 15-18** who provides examples of those that are ashamed of Christ and Paul and who is it that provides a positive example of courage and unashamed commitment to Christ and His servant Paul? What does Paul say about the courageous one?

“If we associate with spiritually courageous Christians, our own courage will be strengthened. On the other hand, if we associate with those who are ashamed of Christ and His gospel, we will soon be tainted by that shame..” [2 Timothy Commentary](#), page 31

13. Read **Hebrews 10:24 and 25**. How does this passage affect the way we interact with one another as members of Christ's Church amid pressures and persecution?

14. What actions will you take to stand firm as a courageous and unashamed servant of Christ, who encourages others to do the same? What influence will you have on those around you?