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2 Timothy

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C1 Vss 1-18. Paul opens letting his son know that he's praying for him daily. They had an extraordinary bond.

They cried apparently when Timothy departed. Why?

It was never assured that a messenger would return. There were not aircraft or mass transportations. Travel time was counted in months if not years.

Timothy apparently has a faith heritage that flowed from his mother and grandmother. As a note here again we see Paul has no issue mentioning that the pillars of faith in Timothy's life are women.

Paul calls Timothy who apparently has signs of tiring to fan the flames in his life. He's to

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reignite so he can complete the task before him. Ministry can wear us down and withdraw strength. Jesus retreated often. Sometimes what we face is daunting. Paul reminds him not to shrink. He's to keep his mind on the message or objective and not the obstacles and challenges. He is encouraging Timothy not to be ashamed of The Lord or Paul.

The ultimate encourager is to focus on the work of Jesus, all He did and suffered. And ultimately Paul uses the truth of our eternity. We keep our eyes on our eternity. This is not easy when we are suffering or under duress in the present.

Paul reminds him that he is in prison. Paul is in prison operating as the encourager to those outside. It has been nearly two thousand years and today, Paul's resolve has to inspire every believer facing any kind of challenge. It surely inspired this writer (1-12).

Then Paul has a word concerning the protection of instruction or the Gospel. It has two parts. Paul has taught Timothy how to approach Scripture. Timothy is told to hold to the "pattern." This is so important. A poor approach to Scripture leads to poor conclusions and errant instruction. Only with a sound pattern or approach can truth be guarded (13-14). Paul has been abandoned by two companions. This is what makes Timothy such a precious son. We have ultimately.

C2: Paul continues to encourage Timothy. Hardship is a part of the turf of sincere ministry. Timothy is to teach to teach. Paul uses the illustration of three disciplines: Military, sports and farming. These require discipline but they also reap the results. Paul readily presents Jesus as being resurrected as the ultimate result of discipline, enduring hardship and sacrifice. Paul also shows himself as enduring chains all to the glory of God (1-10).

Then he allows us to see what had to be a First Century pledge believers committed to memory (12-13).

Paul returns to the topic of discipline and work with the preacher's craft, God's word. He's to hold to the pattern (stated previously) and work diligently to ensure he is sharp with the truth of God's word.

It's so important to avoid talk that has no value. The culture was permeated with philosophical jibberish. How many angels can dance on the head of a pin? God's word is so vast there is little time for these diversions.

Paul cites two offenders for Timothy. Paul has no problem judging and identifying persons with erroneous instructions (13-17). Paul disclosed they have turned some from the faith claiming the resurrection has already occurred. Somehow these two have created some kind of diversion where they are followed as false prophets. They are telling people that the resurrection or coming of the messiah had already happened. Paul's conclusion is the truth stands and the Lord knows who belongs to him (18-19).

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Paul uses a clever analogy to explain how some believers will have a unique standing with The Lord because of their sacrifice and walk in holiness. Paul gives the sense that Timothy can be used in every way if he'll keep himself clean.

This writer says often that nothing destroys ministry like sexual misconduct. Paul repeatedly calls Timothy to holy living. He's to run from youthful lusts.

Unfortunately, youthful does not mean it avoids the older leaders. These are lust that typically plague the youthful, but can plague the older leaders as well. Timothy is to align himself with the same kind of colleagues. Bad boys run in packs.

Paul wants him to be gentle and to avoid quarrels. There will be difficult people. It comes with the turf.

C3 Paul explains the difficulty of the last days. It's clear Paul with the pain he is encountering cannot see a more difficult period ahead. Or he is speaking to two distinct period. Timothy 'a present and a future age. Paul makes another statement that counters anyone with a Cinderella Theology.

If you desire to live a godly life it means persecution. Persecution does not always come at the hands of unbelievers, believers also operate as haters. Evil doers and impostors will flourish. In the face of this reality, Paul calls for faithfulness.

Then Paul's words to Timothy to maintain and rely notwithstanding how others manipulate the faith. Timothy from his childhood has been baptized in God's word. Paul calls upon Timothy's faith heritage to keep him. He's to use it to identify wrong, show what is right. It's used for God's people.

C4 Paul's final words are to preach. This is continuous. He's to be ready to be ready. It is a relentless pursuit of emerging people into God's word. Ministry and working with people is a patience enterprise. People mature a different rates and to different levels. Some need binkies while others need choice meat. Patience is required for all of them.

No question that Paul had learned this as he has had issues with those who did not have the same level of determination (John Mark), 1-2

Then Paul gives a stark reality, there will be those who cannot stomach truth. It does not stop there. They will look for persons who are pleasures. There are not rebukes or mentd of uncomfortableness.

This writer has videos titled "what pastah better not say. " it's impossible to preach the whole counsel of God and be pleading to everyone all the time.

Paul let's Timothy know, he has competed his course. Paul knows it's time to wrap up his life. He's prepared Timothy in the manner of Moses to Joshua and Elijah to Elisha.

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If Timothy can make it back, Paul has a number of requests. Like Fevid in his final days speaking to Solomon he tells of those who have left or mistreated him.

He shares both his hurts and assurance in The Lord. He desires his writings and books. These are likely his personal notes, copies of letters, and Scripture. What Paul had been saying is from his personal recollection of Scripture.

It's an incredible testimony of how the Holy Spirit and extensive study functions like cement in the spirit I

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