

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 1 - Encouragement to Be Faithful - 2 Timothy 1:1-18**

**Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.**

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2TI 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2TI 1:2 To Timothy, my dear son:

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

2TI 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. [4] Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. [5] I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. [6] 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. [7] For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2TI 1:8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, [9] who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, [10] but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. [11] And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. [12] That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

2TI 1:13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. [14] Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2TI 1:15 You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

2TI 1:16 May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. [17] On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. [18] May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What did Paul do night and day? (1:3)
2. Why did Paul long to see Timothy? (1:4)
3. Who were Lois and Eunice, and what did Paul say about them? (1:5)
4. What was Timothy reminded to do? (1:6)
5. What kind of spirit does God give to His people? (1:7)
6. In what way did Timothy need courage? (1:8)
7. Why has God called us to a holy life? (1:9)
8. What did Christ do? (1:10)
9. Of what was Paul appointed a herald, an apostle, and a teacher? (1:11)
10. Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? (1:12)
11. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with his training? (1:13)
12. What was Timothy to guard? (1:14)
13. Where does the Holy Spirit live? (1:14)
14. Who had deserted Paul? (1:16)
15. What had Onesiphorus done for Paul? (1:16-17)
16. What did Paul want the Lord to grant Onesiphorus? (1:18)