

BEING COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANS

2 Timothy 1:1-18



I. COURAGE DERIVED FROM OUR FAITH

- A. Paul expresses his gratitude for Timothy (vs 3)
- B. Paul expresses his longing for Timothy (vs 4)

HEBREWS 10:24-25

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”



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- A. Paul expresses his gratitude for Timothy
- B. Paul expresses his longing for Timothy
- C. Paul expresses his confidence in Timothy (vs 6-7)
- D. Paul expresses his desire for Timothy (vs 8)

1 JOHN 5:4-5

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world – our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God”

II. COURAGE DEMANDED BY THE GOSPEL

Paul says: “Therefore do not be ashamed”
(vs 8)

The Gospel demands or compels us to be
courageous



II. COURAGE DEMANDED BY THE GOSPEL

A. The example of Christ (vs 9-10)

1 PETER 2:21

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.”



PHILIPPIANS 1:29

“For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”



A. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

1. The purpose of the Gospel (vs 8-9)
2. The potential of the Gospel (vs 10)

ROMANS 8:31-32

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things”



B. THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL (2 TIM 1:11-12)

1. Paul knew his calling
2. Paul was willing to suffer
3. Paul was not ashamed
4. Paul was confident in his faith

ROMANS 1:16-17

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written “the righteous shall live by faith”



C. THE EXHORTATION OF PAUL

1. Pay attention to what you have learned
2. Guard what has been entrusted

III. COURAGE DEMONSTRATED BY SERVICE (2 TIM 1:15-18)

A. Negative example (vs 15)

B. Positive example (vs 16-18)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain”

