

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



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Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm – Starting 1/15/2020
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Study Schedule Jan - Feb

Date	Topic	Scripture
1/22/2020	In Praise of Faith	Hebrews 11:1 – 16
2/5/2020	Abraham: Faith Under Construction	Genesis 12:1 – 9
2/12/2020	In Jesus Name: Faith That Asks	John 16:16 – 28
2/19/2020	The Finale of Faith	II Timothy 4:6 – 18

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Lesson 4:
The Finale of Faith
II Timothy 4:6 – 18

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FAITH DEFINITION
"WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF FAITH?"

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Introduction to II Timothy

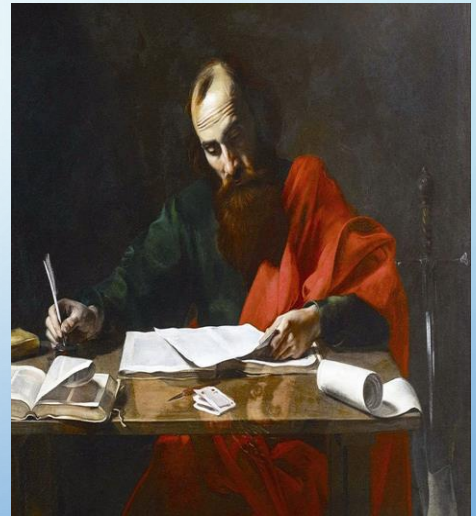
Author: II Tim. 1:1 identifies the author of the Book of II Timothy as the apostle Paul.

Date of Writing: approximately A.D. 67, shortly before the apostle Paul was put to death.

Purpose of Writing: Imprisoned in Rome, Paul recognized his life was coming to an end soon. II Timothy is essentially Paul's "last words" to encourage Timothy, and all other believers, to persevere in faith (II Tim. 3:14) and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 4:2).

Practical Application:

- We have to keep our eyes on the prize—being rewarded in heaven by Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 4:8).
- We must strive to avoid both false doctrine and ungodly practices.
- We must be grounded in our knowledge of God's Word and firm in our refusal to accept anything that is unbiblical.



Paul The Apostle

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II Timothy 4:6-18 (NKJV)

Paul's Valedictory

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Abandoned Apostle

9 Be diligent to come to me quickly;

10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.



II Timothy 4:11-16 (NKJV)

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

15 You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.



II Timothy 4:16-18 (NKJV)

The Lord Is Faithful

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

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1. Throughout this passage, what clues do you get that these are Paul's last words to Timothy?

Vs. 6

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering...

the time of my departure is at hand...

Vs. 7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith

Vs. 8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness

Vs. 9

Be diligent to come to me quickly

Vs. 11 – 12

Get...Bring...

Vs 18

And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom...

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1. What does Paul's "life summary" (vv. 6-7, 16-17) tell us about what he considered essential?

Scriptures	Remarks
<p>6 <i>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.</i></p> <p>7 <i>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He considered giving his all for the ministry of the Gospel to be the most essential. • Being ready to meet Lord – It could happen at any time. • Fight, Run and Keep the faith – despite the Obstacles to the very end.
<p>16 <i>At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.</i></p> <p>17 <i>But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To stand for the Gospel – even if it means standing alone. • To forgive our enemies and/or those who have wronged us. • To Trust in the Lord no matter the circumstances. • Paul's assignment – the preaching of the Gospel is the highest priority.

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2. From looking back on his life, Paul turned to looking forward. What was he confident about (vv. 8, 18)?

Scriptures	Remarks
8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul was confident of His eternal reward from Jesus Himself. • He was confident of seeing and being with the saints (past, present & future). • He was confident the he would be in the presence of the Lord.
18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite Satan's worst attacks Paul was confident that Lord would deliver him. • He was confident of the promise of Jesus to save him and receive eternal life. • He was confident of the Lord's ever-lasting Power, Will and Word and that he will join in with extravagant and eternal praise.

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3. Notice who and what Paul asked Timothy to bring to him in prison (vv. 11, 13). How do his requests show his hope for a continuing ministry?

Human Resources



Tychicus – A faithful servant that Paul could entrust with his ministry. **John Mark** – a man Paul considered useful (even though they had a previous disagreement (Acts 15:36 – 41)

Scriptural Resources



Books & Parchments: Paul requested these resources for his edification and the edification of others.

Physical Resources



Paul – anticipating being around for the colder weather requested a cloak (He was not one to give up)

“So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel ...For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” (Rom 1:15 – 16)

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4. What emotions come through in Paul's account of his various relationships—good and bad (vv. 9-16)?

The Good People in Paul's Life

- **Crescens** —probably one of the seventy disciples of Christ. He was one of Paul's assistants (II Timothy 4:10), probably a Christian of Rome.
- **Titus** — A Gentile convert likely led to Christ by Paul. Titus accompanied Paul to Crete, and was left there to assist the Church.
- **Luke** – A useful companion and faithful friend of Paul – accompanying Paul on his missionary journeys and writing an account of the Jesus' life and the early church.
- **Mark** —A leading Christian at Jerusalem Mark failed Paul and Barnabas for fear of what lay ahead in dangerous missions' trip but recovered his place in Paul's esteem.
- **Tychicus** —fortunate or fortuitous. A Christian in Asia Minor, who traveled with Paul during his missionary journeys and was sent to the early church on Paul's behalf
- **Carpus** — A resident of Troas with whom Paul stayed, and with whom he left the cloak he urged Timothy to bring him

Remarks

Paul was probably having conflicting Emotions:

Happy The People he had be blessed to have influenced for the sake of Gospel are still carrying out the Work and Ministry

Grateful Paul had the chance to reconcile with John Mark – that they were able to move past it and work together in ministry.

Lonely – Most of His friends are gone – only Luke

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4. What emotions come through in Paul's account of his various relationships—good and bad (vv. 9-16)?

The Bad People in Paul's Life

- **Demas** — A companion of Paul during his first Roman imprisonment. he yielded to the charms of the Roman World.
- **Alexander** — The coppersmith who opposed Paul. This Ephesian Jew was likely the same as the one who corrupted the faith, not from ignorance but deliberately in opposition.
- **No One** Stood With Me...**All** Forsook Me

Remarks

Paul was probably having conflicting Emotions:

Disappointed Some people that he poured out his life and the Gospel into had for different reason rejected the Faith.

Watchful Paul recognized that he had enemies – not just against him – but against the Gospel.

Hopeful – Although everyone deserted him during his time of need, Paul was hopeful because Jesus never left and will never leave him.

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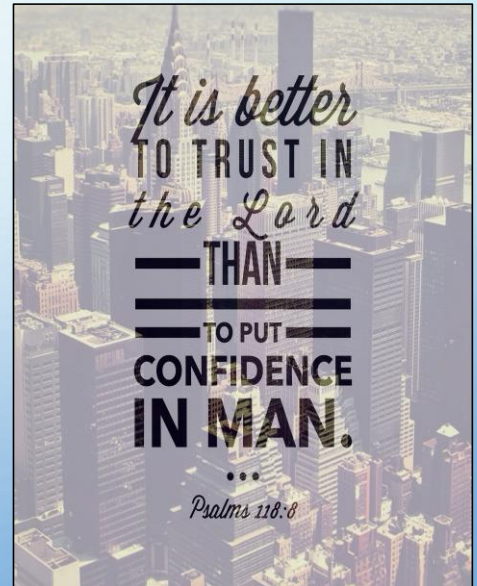
5. How had other people sometimes failed Paul (vv. 10, 14-16)?

Demas (vs. 10)

- People who started well in faith and commitment but fell away.
- Loving the pleasure, leisure and treasure of the world rather than Christ and His Gospel.
- Going in their own direction – rather than the direction of Christ/the Church.

Alexander (vv. 14 – 16)

- False Convert – Not really having saving faith.
- Although receiving good from the ministry – seeking to do harm to the church.
- Being in complete opposition to the Church and to the Gospel.



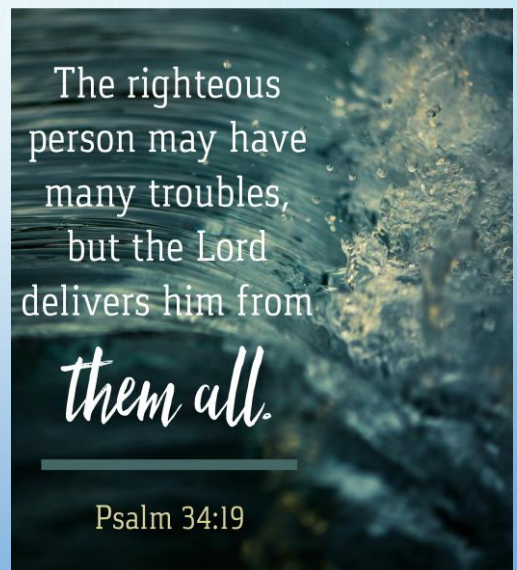
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6. How had the Lord helped Paul when people failed him (v. 17)? How has the Lord helped you when people have failed you?

Paul, who said “I can do everything through him who gives me strength” (Phil 4:13), experienced disappointment with people.

- **The Lord stood By Him** – In the Word, In the Spirit.
- **The Lord Strengthened Him** – Through His Presence and His Promise. And also through Prayers of the Saints.



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7. For what purpose was Paul's life preserved (vv. 17-18)? What was Paul's ultimate hope?

- From the very beginning, Paul was marked out to carry the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15).
- He hoped that everyone who needed to be saved would hear the Gospel and receive Jesus as Savior.
- Paul was assured that no matter what he went through – he would be delivered until the Lord decided that his work was completed.
- Once Paul's work was done – his sure and steadfast hope was to enter into God's eternal heavenly Kingdom.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL
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MATTHEW 25:23

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8. Based on everything you have learned and discussed in this study, how would you define faith?

**“FAITH IS THE
CONFIDENCE THAT WHAT
WE HOPE FOR WILL
ACTUALLY HAPPEN; IT
GIVES US ASSURANCE
ABOUT THINGS WE
CANNOT SEE.”**

HEBREWS 11:1 (NLT)

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Keys For Living

- Real faith in God is seen most vividly, not during easy times but when the times are hard, stressful and even full of sorrow and grief.
- Although people around us may fail us and we may even fail ourselves, God can be trusted to never, ever fail us.
- A life lived in faithful obedience to the Word and the Will of God will be rewarded on earth but more importantly, in eternity.

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Questions?



I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

2 Timothy 4:7

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