

Paul, an Apostle

2 Tim 1.1

After Paul released from prison (Acts 28:30) traveled:

Ephesus 1 Tim 1:3

Crete Titus 1:5

Nicopolis Titus 3:12

Miletus 2 Tim 4:20

Troas 2 Tim 4:13

Possibly Spain

Returns to Rome as prisoner. 2 Tim 1:16, 17

Paul knows life is short. 2 Timothy 4:6

Knows earthly ministry soon ended.

Knows soon executed

Last will and testament.

How meet challenges Satan throws our way.

A.D. 66-67.

Theme

Stick with it

Stay Steady

Steadfast Christian Living.

Stick with it in midst of persecution and difficulties (1:8, 13; 2:1, 3, 5, 15; 3:1, 10-14; 4:1-5).

Issue of false teaching

Theological message: sticking with it assumes commitment to being godly through strength of Jesus Christ (1:16-18).

Summarize 2nd Timothy :

Remember weaknesses and strengths.

Don't be overwhelmed by various forces in world and church.

God called us to be faithful.

We will triumph if we stay steadfast and faithful to Word

Stick with it in realm of godly living and loving souls.

If believe God's truth and live life in Christ we will triumph in end.

2 Timothy 1:1

Paul: Tribe of Benjamin.

Skilled warrior.

Named Saul by parents--first king of Israel.

Raised in Tarsus.

Grk/Roman name: little, small, pauper.

Trained under Gamaliel.

Youngest member of Sanhedrin.

Zeal in persecuting early Christians.

Held coats of men who stoned Stephen (Acts 7).

Appearance: Bald head, bow-legged, strong build, small in size with meeting eyebrows, a rather large nose, full of grace; at times he looked like a man and at times he had the face of an angel.

Later: weak body, ophthalmia: eye disease

Acts 9 – saved

Retreat to Arabian desert for 2 years --get equipped

First Missionary journey. Derbe, Lystra (home town of Timothy).

Healed impotent man, .. stoned ... came back to Lystra to disciple and follow-up

Meets Timothy, grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice.

Leads them to Christ.

Second Missionary Journey: Elders of Lystra brag on Timothy

Neapolis, Philippi, Macedonia.

Visit Ephesus

Takes Timothy with him.

Third Missionary journey Ephesus for 3 years

Sends Timothy to help churches in Macedonia and Achaia.

Timothy returns to Ephesus and travels with Paul

Acts 28: Paul in prison in Rome (house).

Timothy with him.

Timothy with Paul to Philippi

Paul sends him to Ephesus

Paul to Colosse to see Phileman

Macedonia--writes Timothy (1 Timothy).

Possibly to Greece and Spain.

Revisits Timothy in Ephesus.

Arrested in Troas.

Arrested and imprisoned in Rome.

Mamartine prison

Crime of illicit religion.

Mamartine prison: deep hole...dark stinky, cold dungeon.

Light through a hole in the top.

Tradition: Paul condemned to death and beheaded 3 miles outside city.

Shortly before died, penned letter to Timothy...

Timothy: Timaw...honor...Theos – God. One who honors God.

Father: unsaved, possibly dead.

Mother: Jewess. Spiritual lady.

Timothy taught OT by grandmother Lois and mother Eunice.

Grew in Lord as young man

Outstanding example for Lord.

Joined Paul on second missionary journey.

Timid, introvert, physical problems

Faithful and genuine.

Philippians 2:20-22

2 Timothy 1:1

Apostle: states authority

Of Jesus Christ. Representing and sent out by Jesus Christ.

Apostle

- Appointed a spokesman
- NT: recognized leadership over churches
- Power to heal, pen scriptures.
- Qualifications (Acts 1:22)
 - Know Jesus in Flesh
 - Witness resurrected body
 - Called personally by Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:17

Apostle: delegate or representative of person who sent him.

Two kinds of Apostle:

1. Acts 1:22 type. Commissioned as special missionary.

Delegate by Jesus endowed with special powers.

2. Generic type. Any one sent out

Jews had apostles to deliver or collect money.

v. 1...by the will of God.

Paul under conviction that

Call not from church,

Not from man or group.

Not self-appointed.

Acts 9: Road to Damascus.

Acts 9:3-4

God speaks to Ananias ... Acts 9:15-16

Paul yielded to God

v. 1...by the will of God. When child of God surrendered will to God, doesn't need to worry about will of God.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Do what doing now for glory of God and let God place you

Philippians 3:12

Paul – yielded to God and God put him into ministry. 1 Timothy 1:12

Paul's point: By will of God.

I didn't seek it.

I had no choice.

God did it!

Livingston: *I had rather be in the heart of Africa in the will of God than on the throne of England out of the will of God.*

...according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

In conformity to promise of life (eternal and abundant) that comes as a result of my union in Christ Jesus.

Jn 14:6 John 11:25-26 John 10:10

2 types

Positional: eternal life in Heaven

Practical: abundant, meaningful life on earth.

The promises of God through Jesus Christ do not spare believer from trouble or difficulties.

Gutzke: *... just because I am a believer does not change the processes of nature in any way. What it does mean is that I will have the inward grace that comes from God to face all the issues of living...*

The one blessed promise is eternal life which is in Christ Jesus. ...It is not in addition to me and my life, but is a substitution for me and my life. ... the Lord Jesus Christ is not something added. He is Someone who takes over and controls.

Psalm 16:11 Psalm 138:7 John 6:35

Paul, facing death, direct Timothy's attention toward life!

Christianity helps us to face the music, even when we don't like the tune.

Paul describes himself.

1. *Apostle:*
2. *In Will of God.*
3. *Focus was Life...according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.*

So What?

We are sent out ones.

Are you in the will of God?

Are you experiencing life in Christ Jesus?