**Endure. . . till the end**

**2 Timothy 1**

**Background on 2 Timothy:**

* Written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his spiritual son in the faith, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , about 5-6 years after 1 Timothy.
* Timothy is a prominent leader in the church of Ephesus.
* Writing from a prison in Rome around \_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D.
* This is Paul’s “farewell letter.” He knows his own death is imminent (2 Timothy 4:6)
* Paul will be executed (beheaded) by Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approx. 67/68 A.D.
* Tremendous persecution against Christians happening during this time – Emperor Nero is leading this.

**Question**: **If you knew you were about to die, and it’s clear to Paul it was coming, what would be some of the last things you would want to address and impart to others about leaving a strong biblical and healthy legacy in life?**

* Read the passage silently on your own.
* Read the passage twice out loud.



**OBSERVATION** – Ask the question - What do you see or what does the passage say? (Don’t read into it) What do you see in the passage that stands out to you? Look for key words, phrases, comparisons, contrasts. You are seeking to answer the questions – Who? What? Where? When? How? and Why?

*Observation teaches you to see exactly what the passage says. It is the basis for accurate interpretation and correct application.*

**GREETING AND HAPPY REMEMBERANCE vss. 1-5**



**Time Out!** If you received this letter, what is it in these verses that encourage you, and challenge you?

**Time out!**  Take a moment and express to the Lord five things you are thankful for which he has accomplished or provided for you in your life.

 **STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD AND BE BOLD vss. 6-12**

Paul gives several commands to Timothy.

**Command #1** - 1:6

**Command #2** - 1:8

 **Command #3** - 1:8

 **Command #4** - 1:13-14

**DESERTERS AND AFFIRMERS vs.15-18**

 Who are the deserters mentioned and who does Paul mention was an affirmer?

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**Time Out!** Who are people who have ministered to you in your most difficult moments in life?

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**INTERPRETATION – What does the passage mean? What’s the author’s main intent or purpose in sharing this truth in the passage?**

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**APPLICATION –** Asks the question: How can I put this into practice?

How can this passage be applied to:

My marriage? My family? My church?

My Spiritual Life? My workplace? Other?

