

Bible Study 1 - Loyalty & disloyalty

2 Timothy 1:1-18

2 Timothy is Paul's last letter

Theme: Individual responsibility in a time of collective failure

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”.*

1. Where did Paul write this letter from? v.8

2. What does this tell us about the Christian life?

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-18, noting: introduction (v.1-2); thanksgiving (v.3-5); loyalty to the gospel (v.6-14); & good & bad examples of loyalty (v.15-18).

PART 1 Introduction (v.1-2)

3. What's God's promise to believers? v.1

4. What was the relationship between Paul and Timothy? v.2

PART 2 Thanksgiving (v.3-5)

5. How did Timothy learn of the Christian faith v.5.

6. What did Paul do when he remembered Timothy? v.3-5

7. How can we thank God in difficult circumstances? v.3

PART 3 Loyalty to the gospel (v.6-14)

At that time, preaching the gospel was a crime—it was viewed as treason against the Roman Empire.

8. Why was Paul suffering? v.11-12

9. How was Timothy to respond to the failure around him? v.6, 13-14

10. Why weren't Timothy and Paul to be ashamed or embarrassed of Christ or Christian suffering? v.7-8, 12

PART 4 Good and bad examples of loyalty (v.15-18)

11. How did many of the Christians respond to Paul? v.15

12. Who wasn't ashamed of Paul when he was in prison? v.16

13. Think of someone you know who is imprisoned or unpopular in one way or another. How can you be like Onesiphorus to that person? v.16-18.

