

THE EPISTLES OF TIMOTHY: DISCIPLESHIP AND MENTORING IN THE CHURCH

August 5, 2012

10. The Appeal Renewed

2 Tim 2:1-13

1. Discipleship and mentoring are accomplished through practical demonstrations. You all know actions speak louder than words! In this epistle, 2 Timothy, Paul encourages his son Timothy through his love and prayers from the prison. First, he reminds Timothy of his spiritual godly heritage and responsibilities to stir up the gift in him as he disciples and mentors him. Paul also emphatically warned Timothy that only the one who perseveres, whether a soldier, an athlete or minister of Jesus Christ, will reap a reward. Paul continued to warn Timothy that his teaching will come under the attack as men desert the truth and go on to myths and anything that will soothe their itching ears! (2Tim 4:3). However, Timothy was to remain an example to the others so long as he had Paul as his guide and the Word of God to fortify him as he faces the growing opposition and growing opportunities in the last days. In today's discussion we will focus on Paul's renewed appeal to Timothy for loyalty to Jesus Christ as good soldier who does not get himself entangled in civilian affairs.
2. Thus our text for today reads, "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead descended from David, This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself" (2 Timothy 1:1-18).
3. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon please allow me to summarize this sermon as follows:
 - Discipleship and mentoring are accomplished through practical demonstrations: the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.
 - A good soldier of Jesus Christ does not get entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer through good discipline. Anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. Likewise, the hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. As such it is only

those who persevere will get a reward.

- Continue to serve God with a clear conscience and always remember the fundamental doctrine of the gospel: That Jesus who died for the remission of sins rose up with all powers in His hands to someday return to judge the whole world.
- Finally, the trustworthy saying is: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; and if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. And let the church say, "Amen!"

4. So if you desire to fully understand discipleship and mentoring in the church, we invite you to come, repent, and humbly accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith. Then confess with your mouth your faith in Him that He died and rose again to save you from your sin through the shedding of His blood on Calvary, and you will be saved as well as become part of God's family and kingdom. May God bless you as you humbly come to Him while the Praise Team leads us in a song?

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August 12, 2012

11. Dealing with False Teachers

2 Tim 2:14-3:9

INTRODUCTION – Half time pep talk

1. Taught you all I know
2. You have to fight the good fight
3. You have to watch out for trick plays
4. You will win if you listen to the instruction

I. Called to service as a Workman Vs. 14-19

A. Rightly divide the word

1. Rev 22:19 don't add or take away

B. Avoid babbling

1. Foolish talk lead to foolish behavior-petty controversy.
2. Spread like gangrene. Hymeneus & Philetus
3. 1 cor 14:28, speaking in tongues- order of worship.

II. Call to service as a vessel Vs 20-22

- A. 2 Cor 6:17 Come out and separate – be Holy
 - 1. Kitchen with different containers example
- B. Flee youthful lust, fame & fortune but be mature
 - 1. Righteousness, faith, charity, peace
 - 2. 1 John 2:16 love not the world – Lust of the flesh, eyes, & pride of life.

III. Call to service as a servant Vs.23-26

- A. Avoid quarreling and be gentle unto all men
 - 1. Meek in instruction, patient
 - 2. Showing charity regardless of worthiness
- B. Vs. 25 God gives repentance to acknowledging of truth
- C. Vs. 26 the devil is behind false teaching

IV. Unfaithfulness of the world 3:1-9

- A. Don't be naïve, perilous times
 - 1. Lover of self, boasters, proud, blasphemers, Disobedient to parents, without natural affection
Rom 1:26 – Vile affections
- B. Vs.5-7 Have a form of Godliness but deny the power of truth
 - 1. Lead women without discerning spirit
 - 2. Always learning never come to truth
- C. Resisters of truth will be exposed
 - 1. Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses
 - 2. Plagues, snake, blood in Nile, frogs, and lice
Ex 8:16-19 Magicians said this is the finger of God

V. We are saved through Christ

- A. Rom 10:9, confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead.
- B. Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

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12. A Final Charge to Timothy

2 Tim 3:10-4:8

- 1. Today is Homecoming 2012! The essence of Homecoming and Home-going within Christendom is re-union with loved ones. But the question for you to answer today is how prepared are you for Homecoming or Home-going? Discipleship and mentoring are processes for preparing Christians for the ultimate Homecoming or Home-going depending on how you look at our final exit from this earth. Discipleship and mentoring are accomplished through practical demonstrations. You all know actions speak louder than words! In his second epistle to Timothy, Paul encourages his son Timothy through his love and prayers from the prison. First, he reminds Timothy of his spiritual godly heritage and responsibilities to stir up the gift in him as he disciples and mentors him. Paul also emphatically warned Timothy that only the one who perseveres, whether a soldier, an athlete or minister of Jesus Christ, will reap a reward. Paul continued to warn Timothy that his teaching will come under the attack as men desert the truth and go on to myths and anything that will soothe their itching ears! (2Tim 4:3). However, Timothy was to remain an example to the others as mentored by Paul holding to the Word of God to fortify him as he faces the growing opposition and opportunities in the last days. So in today's discussion we will focus on Paul's final charge to Timothy as he approaches his Homecoming or Home-going knowing full well how prepared he was to exit this earth. The process of preparation is very tedious but those who endure or persevere to the end will receive a reward.**
- 2. Thus our text for today reads, "3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch (expelled them from their region, Acts 13:50), Iconium (a plot to mistreat them and stone them, Acts 14:5) and Lystra (They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead, Acts 14:19), the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather**

around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day —and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 3:10-4:8).

3. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon please allow me to summarize this sermon as follows:

- Discipleship and mentoring are accomplished through practical demonstrations: actions speak louder than words! Discipleship and mentoring are processes that prepare Christians for the ultimate Homecoming or Home-going depending on how you look at our final exit from this earth.
- The process of preparation for exiting this earth is very tedious but those who endure or persevere to the end will receive a reward. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted; evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, the charge is that you continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know your mentors and how from infancy you know that the Holy Scriptures make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus
- Most importantly, all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- Therefore, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, I charge you to preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction.
- The time will come when people will like sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear; turning their ears away from the truth and turning aside to myths.
- Finally, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 6 For I am prepared to exit this earth since I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. The reward that awaits me is the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day —and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. And let the church say, “Amen!”

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13. Personal Remarks

2 Timothy 4:9-22

As Paul sat in a prison cell during his 2nd Roman imprisonment, he wrote the 2nd Epistle of Timothy to his son in the ministry Timothy, who was left behind by Paul in the Providence of Asia Minor to be the Ephesians' Pastor. The 2nd Epistle of Timothy has been dated as the final letter to be written by Paul from his jail cell before his Martyrdom for the Faith.

Paul encourages Timothy to quickly come unto him (2 Tim.4:9), for Paul desired to see him and to be filled with Joy (2 Tim. 1:4), for Paul was facing some hard times during this period in his life. In this personal letter to Timothy, Paul begins to reflect upon the various situations that he had faced in his life, from persecutions, sufferings, oppositions, abandonment, sicknesses, separations and disappointments.(2 Tim. 3:11) He suffered persecutions in Antioch, Iconium, Lystra (2 Tim. 3:11) and from Alexander the Coppersmith.(2 Tim. 4:14) He faced opposition from Hymenaeus and Philetus, who were false teachers.(2 Tim. 2:17) He was enduring the abandonment of all the believers in Asia Minor as Phygelus and Hermogenes (2 Tim. 1:15) led them in forsaking him. He even mentions the sicknesses that he had to endure with his dear friend Trophimus (2 Tim. 4:20) and the separation from and disappointment in Demas, who was a fellow worker but had deserted the faith because he loved this present world more than he did the appearing of Christ. (2 Tim. 4:10) As Paul reflected on these various situations he was still aware that there was one who did stand with him and that delivered him from the mouth of the lion and every evil act, the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. 4:16-18)

Paul is a great example, for even at death's door Paul had acquired from God a Kingdom Mindset. He no longer dwelled on the physical or temporary things of this world but he began to think on Eternal and Heavenly things. His mind was set on God- the one who could preserve him into His Heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tim. 4:18) With this Kingdom Mindset Paul clearly understood that in this life God had a purpose and plan, even through every situation and circumstance. That plan is that through Paul's and our life the Gospel may be preached.(2 Timothy 4:17) Paul was one who would say, "Lord, if you need a vessel-Here am I".

Paul knew that God had a plan for his life and he had now come to the realization that he was near completion of traveling the course that God had for him to travel. He was now nearing the finish of the race that God had asked him to run, and coming to the end of the bout that God had asked him to fight. Paul understood that he approaching the fulfillment of the purpose and plan that God had for his life here on Earth. Paul knew that his departure from this world was near. Despite knowing that his exit from this world was near, when Paul asked Timothy to come to him he also asked him to bring his cloak, books (scrolls), and his parchments (rolls of papyrus used to write his letters on).(2 Tim. 4:13) Paul was preparing to Disciple and

Mentor the next generation after he departed from this life. Paul realized that the Gospel was bigger than him and that the Gospel message would continue on even after he was gone. I believe that Paul was discipling some young trainees and mentees that were with him and that greeted Timothy at the end of his letter. These young ones were Eubulus, Pudens, Linus and Claudia. (2 Tim. 4:21) Paul's plan had to be to entrust these young men to send them to Disciple, Teach, Train, and Mentor others like he did with sending Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia, Tychicus to Ephesus, and Erastus in Corinth. (2 Tim. 4:10-12; 20)

Paul was fulfilling the Great Commission that Jesus commanded to his disciples to fulfill by going into all the earth preaching the gospel to all creatures, making disciples and teaching them whatsoever they had learned of Him, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This great Gospel baton that Paul handed off millenniums ago has now come to the 21st century Christian and the question arises, "what have you done with this Great Gospel Baton?" Are we making disciples for Christ? Are we training and teaching the next generation? Are we preaching the Gospel through every circumstance, situation and problem that we face in life? Perhaps you desire to become a disciple of Christ and make him your Lord and Savior?

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