

Recap of 9/13/26 message by Joe Ricchuiti ("Not Ashamed")
2 Timothy 1:1-18

1. "This second letter to Timothy is written by Paul [from prison] shortly before Paul dies, [a martyr] (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Times are difficult both morally and spiritually, and Paul wants to encourage Timothy to persevere in his Christian faith and life. (Men's Devotional Bible)

2. Paul writes in uncertain times. There is increasing persecution of Christians, defection from the Word of God, from the gospel, from the church, and from holiness (moral carelessness). There is increasing fear and decreasing boldness among believers.

3. Paul stresses the importance of godly living:

-preaching the Word both when it's convenient and when it's not

-preparing for the coming apostasy [falling away] within the church

-Underlying all Paul says is the importance of the Word of God, the only foundation strong enough to withstand persecution from without and problems from within

Second Timothy is a call to faithfulness in the midst of hardship.

Paul lists in chapter one, the challenges to faithfulness:

-self-pity, vs. 4

-neglect of the Word and of faithful living, vs. 6

-timidity, vs. 7

-shame, vv. 8, 12, 16

-carelessness, vv. 13,14

4. -Second Timothy has provided comfort, encouragement and motivation to distressed Christian workers over the centuries." (Talk Through the Bible)