



## KNOWING CHRIST

Lessons from Paul's Life and Ministry

### POURED OUT FOR CHRIST

2 Timothy 1-2

Inductive Discovery Lesson 22

The Rome Paul returned to in the summer of 66 was a tortured city. Never an easy place to be a Christian, these days it was downright dangerous. After the great fire of 64, Christians became Nero's scapegoats, his gruesome arena entertainment, his tar-drenched garden lights. The only safe place for believers to gather was beneath the streets in bone-filled catacombs under cover of night.

Paul may have been arrested somewhere in Asia and hauled back to Rome. Or maybe he chose to return, in spite of certain danger, to encourage the underground church. Either way, Paul found himself back in Rome chained like a criminal. This was no "respectable" house arrest. He had no privileges, not even the barest comforts that might allow a place to be called home. This time it was the dreaded Mamertine, an ancient cistern now used as a prison. Paul was on death row—no bed, meager rations, stale air, crowded conditions. Prisoners were dropped by rope or ladder into the damp, rat-infested hole that passed for a room in this subterranean jail. Luke stayed nearby, faithful friend to the end.

*Come as soon as you can*, Paul wrote to Timothy. But knowing he likely would not see his spiritual son again this side of heaven, Paul wrote his last will and testimony.

### Tracing Paul's Steps: *The Final Years*

- After two years of house arrest in Rome, Paul is released. (Acts 28:30)
- Though details are hazy, Paul likely set out to visit the churches in Asia, Macedonia and Greece. He may have gone to Spain as he had planned to do before his arrest. (Romans 15:28)
- At some point, Paul returned to Ephesus; the church seriously needed guidance so he urged Timothy to remain there while he went on to Macedonia. (1 Timothy 1:3)
- Paul visited the island of Crete and left Titus with instructions to "set in order what remains." (Titus 1:5)
- Paul may have been arrested while in Asia (perhaps Troas where he left some personal items) and brought back to Rome. (2 Timothy 4:13-14)

## **Working Text for 2 Timothy 1-2**

New King James Version (NKJ)

### **Chapter 1**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, **2** To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**3** I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, **4** greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, **5** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. **6** Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, **11** to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **12** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. **13** Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **14** That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

**15** This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. **16** The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; **17** but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me. **18** The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

### **Chapter 2**

**1** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be

able to teach others also. **3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. **5** And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. **6** The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. **7** Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

**8** Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, **9** for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. **10** Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **11** This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. **12** If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. **13** If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

**14** Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. **15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. **17** And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, **18** who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. **19** Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

**20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. **21** Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. **22** Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. **24** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, **25** in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **26** and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.



## OBSERVATION

Read the section and record what you see. **Use the first column to keep track of what you specifically find in the Bible passage.** (Who? What? When? Where?) Briefly describe, *in your own words*, what it says.

**Use the second column to record information you gather from other sources** such as a dictionary, concordance, maps, etc. You can also use this section to jot down **your thoughts, impressions or questions that come to mind.** *Do your best to follow Paul's train of thought.* Does he emphasize a particular topic? Are his words urgent? Encouraging? Commanding? What issues or problems does he address? What questions does he ask?

### 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Facts from the passage:

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### 2 Timothy 1:8-18

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**2 Timothy 2:1-13**

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## 2 Timothy 2:14-26

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## Key Words and Phrases

Key words and phrases help us understand the main point the writer wants to make. How do we recognize key words and phrases? Here are some simple things to look for.

- When you see a word or phrase repeated, you can be sure Paul is using it to make his point.
- If you are unfamiliar with a word or its meaning, it becomes a key word *for you*. Take time to learn the definition so you will understand how it is being used in the sentence.

List any key words and phrases you found in 2 Timothy 1-2.

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Write the definition of the following words or phrases. Use a regular dictionary or a concordance with a Greek Dictionary if you have one.

Ch. 1

**“power”** (vs. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

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**“love”** (vs. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

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**“discipline”** (vs. 7) \_\_\_\_\_

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Ch. 2

**“endure”** (vs.3,10,12) \_\_\_\_\_

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**“be diligent”** (vs.15) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INTERPRETATION — *What does it mean?***

**Look for a spiritual lesson.** Be careful not to read into the Bible an idea that is not there. Examine each verse in light of the verses around it. To help you find a spiritual lesson, ask questions such as: “Is there a command to obey? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a condition to that promise? Is there a warning to heed? Is there an example to follow or avoid?” **State the lesson in one simple sentence.**

### **APPLICATION — *How does it apply to me?***

We don’t study the Bible just to gather information—we want to spiritually grow. Our heart needs to be open to change. The only way to move truth off the pages of your Bible and into your life is to ***put it into action.***

To apply a spiritual lesson, we must examine ourselves and take deliberate steps to do something with what we have learned. Ask yourself: Is this a new insight for me, or does it reinforce what I already know? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? What changes does it require? Think of how the lesson relates to you and what specific course of action you will take. **Write your application in the form of a question to make it personal.**

#### **2 Timothy 1:1-7**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **2 Timothy 1:8-18**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **2 Timothy 2:1-13**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **2 Timothy 2:14-26**

Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summary

Write a simple sentence that summarizes what the passage is about. \_\_\_\_\_

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Give a title to the chapter that will help you personally to remember it.

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## Take a Closer Look

**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,  
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**2 Timothy 2:15 NKJ**

## *Memorize God's Word*

Choose the translation you prefer to memorize from and re-write the verse here.

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## *Meditate on God's Word*

**Look up.** What does this verse teach you about God? (For example, look for signs of His character, His attributes, His works, His promises.)

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**Look around.** What does this verse teach you about the world and people in general?

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**Look within.** What does this verse teach you about yourself?

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**Look ahead.** Does this verse give you reason to hope? Briefly share your thoughts.

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**Look alive!** Given the opportunity, how would you express the truth found in this verse to someone who needs to hear it?

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### ***Make God's Word Your Prayer***

As you memorize and meditate on this verse, pray it back to the Lord. Let the Holy Spirit examine your heart, increase your understanding, and help you to pray. Ask Him for faith and strength to *act* on the truth of God's Word.

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### **Something to Think About . . .**

It is important that we search the Scriptures daily, and more important still that we approach them with faith and humility, bowing our hearts to their instructions and commands.

- A.W. Tozer -



### **God's Word Bearing Fruit**

For you, personally, what has been the most important lesson from this study?  
How will you put what God has shown you into practice?

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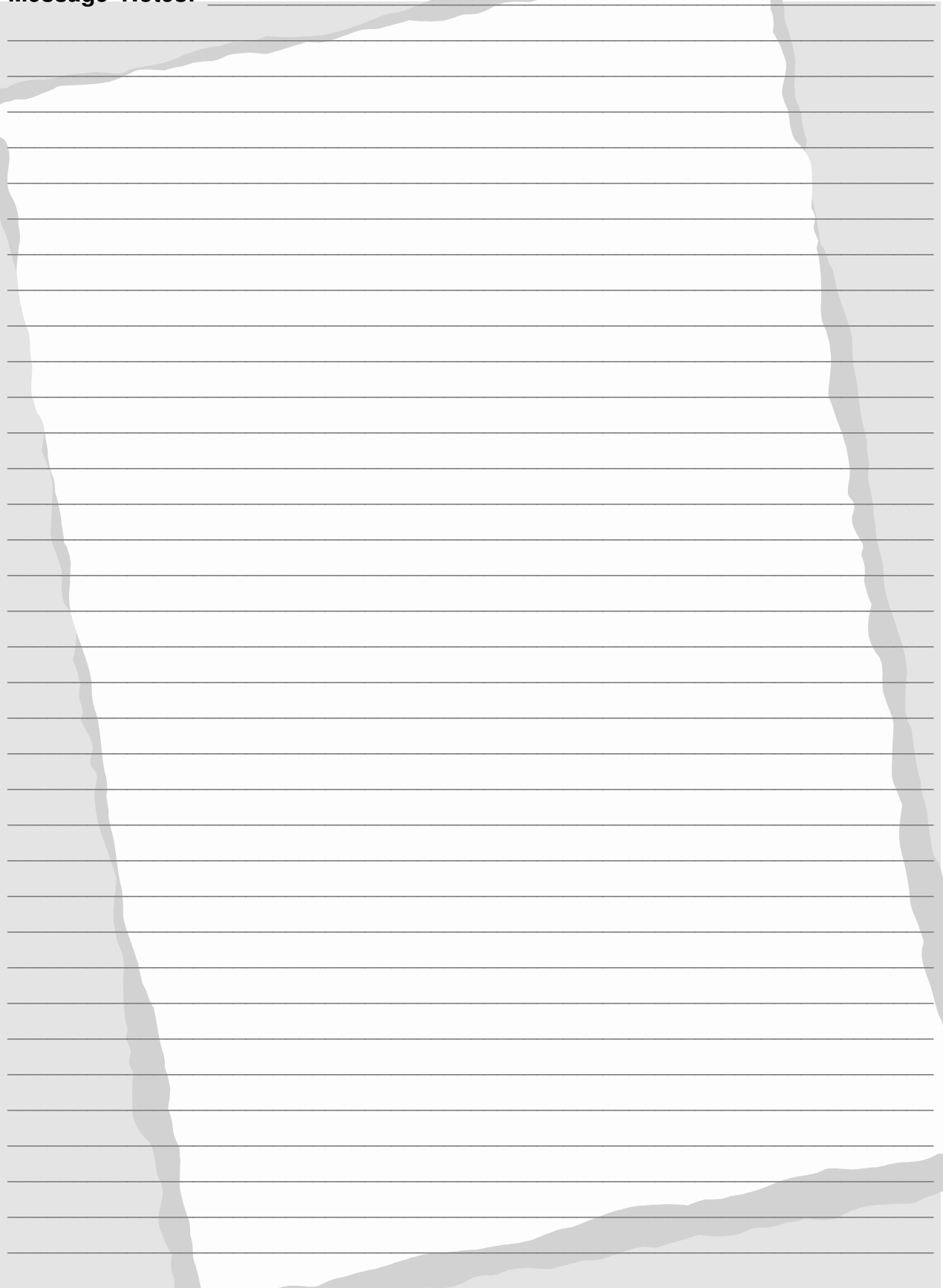
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