



**Series: HONORABLE VESSELS—II Timothy 2:14-4:22**  
**Lesson: Part 5 – Paul’s Last Words**  
**Passage: II Tim. 4:6—22**

**Where we’ve been:**

- **Bold Suffering (1:1—2:13)**
  - a. Paul reminded Timothy of their shared heritage in The Faith and charged him to get up and serve boldly despite his discouragement from ministry challenges because of God’s past faithfulness and the power of His Spirit dwelling within.
  - b. Paul encouraged Timothy not be ashamed of the Gospel or its stricken messengers, but rather embrace suffering knowing that God is still sovereign and working all things according to His glorious plan.
  - c. Paul motivated Timothy to carry on his mission of protecting and preserving The Faith despite the many challenges to it.
  
- **Honorable Vessels (2:14—4:22)**
  - a. Paul shapes Timothy’s mindset of how to deal with the tension of serving in a church with both true and false believers.
  - b. Our words have consequences, so we shouldn’t get caught up in the unimportant squabbles.
  - c. ‘Honorable vessels’ live changed lives and don’t get dragged down by false believers, yet they try to still reach out to them in love.

- d. There are different kinds of false believers.
- e. Paul rested his ultimate defense against false believers in God's Word, which led to his solemn charge for Timothy to fulfill his ultimate responsibility as a pastor: Preach the Word.

- **Paul's Final \_\_\_\_\_ (vv6-8)**

*<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup>in the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing.*

- Paul is fulfilling ultimately what he once commanded in Rom. 12:1.
- 'fought the good fight' (I Tim. 6:12) – ἀγωνίζομαι [agōnizōmai] –
- 'finished the course' – δρόμος [drōmōs] –
- 'kept the faith' (II Tim. 1:14) –
- 'that day' (II Tim. 1:12) – ἀποδόσωμι [apōdidōmi] (cf. v14) –

• Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (vw9-15)

<sup>9</sup>Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup>for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. <sup>12</sup>But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup>Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

○ σπουδάζω [spoudazō] (I Tim. 2:15; 4:21) –

○ αἰών [aiōn] –

○ It's okay to admit we're \_\_\_\_\_ and seek Christian fellowship when we need encouragement.

○ A warning about Alexander (I Tim. 1:20? Rom. 12:19-21; Matt. 10:16)

• Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (vw16-18)

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood with me

*and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

○ In Paul's greatest weakness, God showed most gloriously in \_\_\_\_\_ him (II Cor. 12:9-10).

○ God saves believers in all circumstances either *from* death to accomplish what purposes He has left for us on earth, or He saves us *through* death to glory instead of suffering on earth.

• **Personal** \_\_\_\_\_ (W19-22)

<sup>19</sup>*Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.*

<sup>20</sup>*Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.*

<sup>21</sup>*Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren. <sup>22</sup>The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.*

○ Prisca & Aquila (Acts 18:2, 18, 26; Rom. 16:3-4; I Cor. 16:19)

○ Onesiphorus (II Tim. 1:16-18)

**What do we do with this text?**

1. What will be our final \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Will we ever \_\_\_\_\_? (II Cor. 4:16-17)

**Blanks:** Testimony, Business, Lonely, Assurance, delivering, Greetings, testimony, let up