

/We will now begin lecture eleven with 2 Timothy. /Today we will begin at 2 Timothy 1:1-18. /2 Timothy was recorded by the apostle Paul. /It was recorded in AD 65 while in prison in Rome. /2 Timothy can be seen as Paul's will.

/Paul comforts and encourages his son Timothy. /Verses 1-2 greet and bless Timothy.

/Read verse 1. /Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

/Paul became an apostle by the will of God. /God called Paul by his absolute sovereignty. /The apostle Paul worked with a thorough calling. /Why did God appoint Paul as an apostle?

/It was not for personal honor or glory. /It was for the will of God, /and to save many souls through the spreading of the gospel. /Here it says, "according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus."

/God is the source of life /and is one who gives life. /Thus, he sent Jesus to this earth as he promised. /Those who have accepted Jesus in their hearts have united with the life of Jesus Christ. /An apostle was one who was sent by God through the life of Jesus.

/Verse 2 records blessings on Timothy. /It says, "To Timothy, my dear son." /Timothy was Paul's son in faith. /Timothy met Paul and was taught the valuable truth.

/Timothy was a good worker whom Paul trusted. /He was Paul's partner and coworker. /Paul blessed Timothy, whom he loved, /"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." /"Grace" is priceless and is the giving of unconditional favor.

/Today, God poured out his grace upon us. /We accepted Jesus as Savior through God's special grace. /It is by God's grace that we live today.

/Paul also blessed Timothy with "mercy." /Paul blessed him that he would have God's love and benevolence. /Paul also blessed Timothy with "peace." /Today people live in this world with anxiety and worries. /There is true peace only in God.

/Today, church leaders must always bless the church. /I pray that there will be grace, mercy, and peace upon all churches. /Verses 3-5 record what Paul was thankful for and his prayer.

/Read verse 3. /I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

/Paul was an apostle who prayed day and night. /Paul always kept Timothy in mind when he prayed. /Today, church leaders must devote themselves to prayer.

/God's workers must devote themselves to preaching God's Word and praying. /There

must be prayer to that the church will be at peace, /prayer so that we can overcome the devil's temptations, /and prayer so that the church can be filled with grace.

/Paul thanked God when he thought of Timothy. /Paul thanked God, whom he served, as his forefathers did, with a clear conscience. /Again.

/Paul thanked God, whom he served, as his forefathers did, with a clear conscience. /Paul was a man with a conscience that received forgiveness of sins. /Paul also had a good conscience that was in continuous communication with God.

/How many people actually serve God with a clean conscience? /Those who serve God with a clear conscience can be acknowledged by God like Paul was. /Paul also thanked God whom his forefathers served.

/Paul and Timothy had earnest faith. /They received their faith through their forefathers. /Paul wished to meet Timothy, who had earnest faith.

/Verse 4. /Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

/Paul longed to see Timothy. /How good was their relationship? /If they were enemies, they would not have wanted to see each other. /Today in the church, the relationships between leaders and believers must be good.

/Paul recalled Timothy's tears whenever he thought of him. /Timothy always cried when he repented to God /and also cried when he gave thanks to God. /Paul also wanted to meet Timothy so that he would be filled with joy.

/There was joy when they encouraged and comforted each other. /Today in the church, we believers must /comfort one another in times of troubles, /and must encourage one another. /There must be a restoration of joy through such meetings.

/Verse 5 says, Paul was reminded of Timothy's sincere faith. /There are not many among us who serve God who have sincere faith. /There are many hypocrites in the church, /and there are those who do not sincerity in their hearts.

/However, Timothy possessed sincere faith. /Where did he get this faith from? /He received it from his mother and grandmother. /The faith of parents is important in our families as well.

/What kind of faith are we going to leave with our children? /The best inheritance is /the inheritance of sincere faith. /Though some may live in poverty in this world, /if they receive their mothers' good faith, /they can live happy lives with that faith.

/Timothy had sincere faith in his heart. /We must also become people with sincere faith. /Verses 6-8 tell Timothy to join Paul in suffering for the gospel.

/Verse 6. /For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

/Timothy received a spiritual gift when he received the laying on of hands. /God gave each believer a spiritual gift so that they would be faithful to him. /There are no believers who are without gifts. /Therefore, we must not compare our gifts with one another but be faithful to God.

/We must not be arrogant of our gifts but must reveal God's glory. /However, Timothy's faith had become stagnant because of his long term of ministry. /Thus, the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and encouraged him to be restored of his faith.

/Today the church leader must live in order for the church to live. /We must examine ourselves and diagnose ourselves to see why our faith has fallen. /Leaders must not grow weak. /They must be restored of the first love. /They must be restored of the first passions so that they can manage their calling.

/Verse 7 says, For God did not give us a spirit of timidity. /Church leaders must not be downcast, but must be strong and courageous. /What kind of a heart did God give Timothy? /God gave him a heart of power, of love and self-discipline.

/God gave these powers to his workers. /God gave them these powers so that they would manage their calling. /Also, God gave his workers a heart of love.

/Leader in the church must have a heart of love for God and for people. /We must love the Lord the most so that we may be good workers of God. /We must also consider each person valuable and love just as Jesus loved each and every person.

/God's workers must be self-disciplined and self-controlled. /They must take good care of themselves so that they could lead others. /In this way, we must receive sufferings with the gospel and heart that God has given us.

/Verse 8. /So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,

/We must not be ashamed when testifying about Jesus. /We must be proud that we believe in Jesus. /The apostle Paul was not ashamed when he was in prison. /There will always be sufferings when we preach the gospel.

/Not everyone will welcome us when we preach about Jesus. /There will be those who reject us, /persecute us, /and sometimes we will be put in prison, /and there will be times when our lives will be in danger.

/We must not be ashamed of such sufferings but must bear with our calling. /Suffering for the gospel is a worthy suffering. /We will be trained through such sufferings /and we will become competent people through such sufferings.

/The sufferings that God allowed on us are not sufferings that will harm us. /When we preach the gospel in the midst of sufferings, we will then be able to participate in God's glory. /We must not be afraid of sufferings.

/We must not cease doing the work of God no matter what difficulties are before us. /We must not be afraid of sufferings but must be faithful to ministry. /Verses 9-11 says to preach the gospel.

/Verse 9. /who has saved us and called us to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

/We have been saved through faith in Jesus by God's grace. /God loved us and chose us, /called us according to his time, /and gave us the gift of faith so that we could believe in Jesus.

/Thus, God saved us according to his purpose and by his absolute sovereignty. /This was all prearranged by our faithful God. /There is no one on earth who has been saved through his or her actions.

/All people are incomplete /and weak. /There is no one on earth who is without sin. /Jesus completed redemption and clothed His believers with righteousness. /Therefore, there is no one on earth who has been saved by his own actions.

/We must always be thankful for God's grace. /God allowed us to hear the gospel and he saved us. /What is the gospel? /It is the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

/This is the most blessed and joyful news. /Those who receive the gospel must also spread the gospel. /Verse 10 tells us about the gospel.

/Verse 10. /but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

/Jesus conquered death through the cross and through His resurrection. /Jesus took on the body of man /and paid the price for our sins. /Hence, those who receive Jesus in their hearts will be forgiven of their sins, and will enter heaven.

/We also conquered death. /Those who believe in Jesus will not go to hell but will spend eternity in heaven. /What are those who have received the gospel do? /Verse 13 tells us the three things workers of the gospel are to do.

/Verse 11. /And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

/It says, "And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher."

/There are three missions for leaders in the church. /To be “a herald” means to spread the gospel to far places no matter what.

/To proclaim is to carry out one’s calling. /Today there are people who accept the gospel and those who reject the gospel. /Yet, Jesus commanded that we preach the gospel whether people listen to us or don’t.

/Leader in the church must also carry out their calling as apostles. /There are no apostles in today’s generation. /However, we must still carry out the apostle’s calling. /God specially sent us to this earth. /He sent us to our families, /our offices, /our workplaces, /and to the ends of the earth.

/Why did God send people of faith out to different locations? /God sent them so that they would preach the gospel, the mystery of heaven. /Today, there are leaders in the church so that they would preach the gospel.

/Also, we must consider why God called all of you. /God sent you because of his providence and his will. /We must be faithful to our calling as we preach in places God sends us to.

/Leaders must also carry out their calling as teachers. /What do teachers do? /They properly teach the truth of the Word of God. /Today, the Word of God exists in a confused world.

/Therefore, the calling of leaders in the church is extremely important. /The early church was the center of God’s complete Word. /They received the teachings of the apostles, were changed, and then changed the world.

/Today, churches must properly teach the Word of God. /In order for leaders to fulfill their calling, they must rigorously study the Bible. /How can we properly teach God’s Word? /We must preach God’s Word to God’s people so that their spirits may live.

/Teachers must carry out their calling so that believers would gain strength, /and it is when believers are nurtured by God’s Word that they can become healthy believers. /Verses 12-14 also tell us not to be ashamed of the gospel but carry out our calling.

/Read verse 12. /That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

/It says that we are not to be ashamed of suffering for the gospel. /We receive many sufferings when as preach the gospel. /We must repent of sufferings that result from our sins. /However, suffering for the gospel is valuable suffering.

/Those who suffer for the gospel will receive rewards in the kingdom of the Lord. /We must believe that such suffering is valuable, and must endure well with faith. /Why was

Paul not ashamed of his suffering?

/He said, "I know whom I have believed." /Those who know God are not embarrassed of him. /God's love is limitless, /God is unchanging, /and God is most powerful.

/We must believe that God will surely bless us when we receive sufferings for the gospel. /Paul believed that God would make all things good in the midst of his sufferings. /He also believed that God would give him grace and blessings through his sufferings.

/Likewise, those who know God are not ashamed of sufferings. /Why wasn't Paul ashamed of his sufferings? /"Am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day." /Paul gave his life to God.

/Paul believed that God would protect him if he remained faithful to God. /God is alive today. /God does not forsake his people. /God protects us and takes care of us in the midst of our suffering. /When we discover this God, we will not be ashamed at all of our sufferings.

/Paul asks in verse 13. /He said, "What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching." /"Sound teaching" is wholesome teaching and correct truth. /The apostle Paul had legitimate faith. /Paul's teaching is wholesome teaching.

/It is a blessing to meet good leaders in the church today. /It is important whom we learn from. /Incorrect knowledge corrupts people and destroys faith. /Paul told Timothy to keep faith and love.

/The faith that Paul taught was sound faith. /This is faith that accepts God's Word as it is /and is faith that believes for God's glory. /There is false faith in the church.

/There is knowledgeable faith that results from reason, /emotional faith that moves according to one's feelings, /and mystical faith that demands miracles. /However, healthy and correct faith /is accepting God's Word in my heart as it is /and obeying with my body.

/It also says, keep Paul's words with "love." /The apostle Paul was an apostle who was filled with love. /His letters greatly emphasized love. /Whatever we do, we must do with love.

/We must carry out our calling of the gospel with love for God and love for our neighbors. /Verse 14 tells us to guard what has been entrusted to us with the help of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 14. /Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-- guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

/It says, "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-- guard it with the help of the

Holy Spirit who lives in us.” /The Holy Spirit is the hearts of those who believe in Jesus. / We must preach the gospel with the heart of the Holy Spirit.

/Here, to “guard the good deposit” means to protect God’s beautiful gospel. /God’s holy works is not done by man’s knowledge. /We must be filled with the Holy Spirit and must carry out our calling with the power of the Holy Spirit.

/We cannot preach without the works of the Holy Spirit, and those who hear the gospel cannot be blessed. /We must receive the power of the Holy Spirit for ministry. /Acts 1:8 says, “But you will receive power /when the Holy Spirit comes on you; /and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

/We must receive the power of the Holy Spirit /and be Jesus’ witnesses. /The gospel is beautiful. /The gospel saves lives /and has the power to change people. /All who received the gospel received God’s blessings.

/Those who receive the gospel must also carry out their calling to testify. /Verses 15-18 record the names of those who deserted Paul and those who worked for Paul. /There are three types of believers in the church today.

/There are those who betray us even if we properly teach God’s Word, /and there are those who hurt God’s servants and the church. /However, there are those who receive God’s servants and the church and help advance the church. /Who deserted the apostle Paul?

/Verse 15 records the names of two people. /Those who deserted Paul were Phygelus and Hermogenes. /These two people at first worked with Paul in Asia.

/However, when they faced trials and received sufferings, they abandoned Paul. /Church leaders must /never forget and know /that there will be betrayers in the church. /Why are there such people?

/There are such people so that leaders would not depend on people but solely depend on God in ministry. /There are those in the church who become hurt by the people they depend on. /Today, people are not subjects of dependence, but subjects of love.

/Leaders in the church must rely only on God and must carry out their calling. /Believers must not betray the Lord’s servants, but must strengthen them and remain faithful to them. /We need good partners in the church today.

/We need partners who will be unchanging and faithful no matter how joyful or difficult circumstances may be. /Those who will receive God’s blessings are those who support and respect God’s servants until the end. /Who respected Moses in the Old Testament?

/There were Aaron and Hur. /Aaron and Hur respected Moses and were faithful to him. /There were also many servants in the New Testament who respected Paul. /Timothy was

a good partner.

/Romans chapter 16 records many of Paul's partners. /Among them were Priscilla and Aquila. /This couple became one in faith, laid down their lives, and respected and worked with Paul.

/Believers like them today will most certainly receive God's blessings. /There were those who deserted Paul, and there were those who accepted and respected Paul. /Who were these people in the Bible?

/Verse 16. /May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.

/There were people who served the apostle Paul until the end. /Paul blessed the house of Onesiphorus. /Onesiphorus had a lifestyle that was worthy of receiving blessings.

/When one respects and serves the church and accepts the Lord's servants, /he will be blessed by God through the inspiration of God's servants. /Today in the church, believers must be blessed in this ways. /How did Onesiphorus respect Paul and serve him?

/Verse 16 says, Onesiphorus refreshed Paul. /Onesiphorus comforted Paul and gave him hope when Paul faced hardships. /We will never forget those who help us when we face hardships.

/Onesiphorus refreshed Paul and comforted and encouraged him. /Onesiphorus was also not ashamed of Paul's chains. /It is easy for people to be ashamed of imprisonment. /Why was the apostle Paul chained up in prison?

/There are some people who believe that receiving hardships as a result of spreading the gospel is to be cursed. /However, Onesiphorus was not ashamed but was proud. /To receive suffering for the gospel is something to be proud of.

/Verse 17 says, Onesiphorus searched for Paul and met him. /Onesiphorus went to visit Paul when he was in prison. /It is not a good thing to be in prison. /Onesiphorus did not turn away from Paul and his sufferings, but searched for him and encouraged him.

/Today, making sacrifices for the Lord's servants is something that will not be wasted. /God will surely bless them in heaven. /We must not ignore the Lord's servants when they receive sufferings.

/All believers must pray for God's servants /and they must help servants by figuring out what they need. /Verse 18 says that Onesiphorus served Paul from the beginning until the end.

/“You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.” /Timothy knew how well Onesiphorus had served Paul. /Onesiphorus was a man acknowledged by God /and a



good partner who was acknowledged by people.

/Today, there is need for good workers in the church. /Those who serve as Onesiphorus did until the end are those who are blessed. /Then how can believers serve God's servants today?

/They must continuously pray for God's servants. /They must help God's servants with materials. /Those who offer them a cup of water will not lose their rewards.

/Here we will conclude the eleventh lecture. /Thank you.