Fan the Flame: A Study of 2 Timothy

How to Live Courageously

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12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I  
am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.  
13 Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.  
14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.  
15 You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.  
16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,  
17 but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—  
18 may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

1. Focus on whom we believe.

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Matthew 10:27 (ESV) “What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.”

2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

John 10:28 (ESV) “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

2. Dedicate ourselves to God’s Word.

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1 Corinthians 13:1 (ESV) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Deuteronomy 4:2 (ESV) You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.
3. Anticipate disappointments and surprises.

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**Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Matthew 5:7 (ESV)** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**Revelation 20:11-12 (ESV)** 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

**James 2:13 (ESV)** For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.