

Growth Group Bible Study

Finishing Strong - Sermon Series
Courage to Continue



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Reading 2 Tim. 1:6-12

Opening Questions

1. Have you ever felt strongly “called” by the Lord to do a specific ministry, task or activity for the Lord?
2. What would you identify as your “spiritual gift” or at least the talent or training that you would tend to use in serving the Lord?
3. Who has been a Christian in your life who has believed in you and “coached you up” in serving for the Lord?
4. What tends to “kindle afresh” (“fan the flame”) of your walk with and service to Christ (e.g. other Christians, prayer, worship music, Pastor Greg’s sermons! Bible study, etc.)

Study

1. Read Acts 16:3; 1 Timothy 4:14 with 2 Timothy 1:6. What do these Scriptures tell us about Timothy’s “call to ministry” and what do they say about others affirming and confirming that “call”?
2. Why does Paul need to encourage Timothy so much as a pastor/teacher/leader? What does that say about encouraging Christian leaders (as well as one another) today?
3. In 2 Timothy 1:6 Paul admonishes Timothy to “kindle afresh the gift of God”. What does that mean for Timothy and what does that look like for us today?

4. What can cause our zeal to wane and our desire to quit and our struggles to continue in service to Jesus today? cf. 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; Gal. 6:9

5. According to 2 Timothy 1:7, what has God not given us and what has He given us and how does this help enable us to have “courage to continue” in serving Him?

6. What does Paul mean with the admonition in vs8, “Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord”? In what ways can we act “ashamed” as Christians?

7. How does Paul state the reason we do ministry for Jesus (vv8-11)?

8. Fill in the blank for your life: “I do _____ for Jesus”

9. In what way does Paul express in vs12 why he has “courage to continue” in ministry for Jesus? How can that encourage us to “continue”?

Application

1. Prayerfully consider what God has called you to do in His kingdom work (your “call”) and pray that you may be “kindled afresh” in serving Him in that “call”.