



# 2 Timothy

## *Background*

- Paul wrote this letter to Timothy (1:1-2) from prison (1:16-17) in Rome. Having already faced an initial hearing (4:16-17), he awaited his full trial, not expecting his release (4:6). His conditions were much bleaker than the years he spent under house arrest (2:9). He was cold (4:13), lonely (4:9-12), and bored (4:13).
- At the time of writing, the church faced fierce persecution from Nero and spreading apostasy from within. Paul wrote to exhort Timothy to suffer faithfully and stand against false teaching. He asks Timothy to retrieve some items he left at Troas and to meet him in Rome before winter.

## *Roadmap*

### 1. Guard the Gospel! (1)

- A. Faithfully (1:1-12)
- B. Fearlessly (1:13-18)

### 2. Suffer for the Gospel! (2)

- A. Like a soldier, farmer, and athlete (2:1-13)
- B. Like a diligent workman (2:14-19)
- C. Like a pure vessel (2:20-23)
- D. Like a patient servant (2:24-26)

### 3. Continue in the Gospel! (3)

### 4. Proclaim the Gospel! (4)

## *Landmark*

The transmission of the truth is the driving passion of this personal letter (1:8-14). As Paul guarded and transmitted the gospel committed to him, Timothy must guard and transmit it for the next generation (2:2) (4:22).

## *Must See*

Jesus came the first time to justify His people (1:10). He stands with His people in the moments He needs them most (4:17). He is coming to judge the quick and the dead (4:1-2) and reward His faithful servants (4:8).

## *Takeaways*

### To Pass the Torch...

1. Pay attention to the flame.
2. Stay in the race.
3. Prepare a torch bearer.