

Defining moments - Phil

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The Power of Two



Apostle Paul and his true son in the faith Timothy
The power of relationship and mentoring

Famous last words - usually so far off the mark it is comical
When someone is dying you want to know what their last words are.

Paul - I am being poured out like a flowery offering
A letter of encouragement to his son and to us

Paul has had more defining moments than anyone
Acts 9

He was a devout Jew and was wanting to persecute the church - then he was converted on the road to Damascus.

20 years later and he was describing some of the sufferings

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches

Timothy was trying to keep up with Paul the superman of the faith.

If you want to get to know someone - you work along side of them or you travel with them.

Timothy and Paul both worked and travelled together on Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journey

Timothy was a shy young man, timid. Allowed others to look down on him in his youth. Committed to the cause. Willing to be circumcised as an adult.

2nd, 3rd or 4th generation Christian. - you are blessed

Paul his father in the faith, friend, mentor - came to him in the boldness

If we can lay hold of the three major themes in Paul's teaching we can become effective

1. BOLDNESS

2 Timothy 1:7

Paul came in from the opposite spirit and talked about love, power and a sound mind.

Power from a godly perspective - love others, and a sound mind

God's power was evident for him to endure the sufferings - God's power is for us to walk through the trial - not to remove the trial

My grace is sufficient for you to endure the trial

2 Timothy 1:6 fan into flame

Each one of us has gifts we just need to know what they are and use them

Mercy, love, faithfulness, administration, encouragement, leadership

Your gift is important - and it needs to be out there being used

Boldness is confidence in your spirit - Not brashness

Boldness and humility can co-exist

2. FAITHFULNESS

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Reliable, faithfulness and trustworthy

Elders in this church way back to Ps Ted Watson that has given us depth to support what is in store for this church

Love this city campaign can become as big as we can - and will only be limited by us

3. PREACHING & TEACHING

2 Timothy 4:2

A picture that i have had for quite some time from the lord, and woke my up the other morning

A row boat - we are rowing and starting to move along, there were 2 groups of people who were not in the boat, people who are hurt or feel that their gifting is not being used in the church, the spot where you should be is vacant and you are being missed.

The other group is those who are watching the leadership and scrutinizing their every move - they will make mistakes but they have a heart for the church. They have moved into the position of spiritual policeman and you are not rowing. You need to get in the boat again.

It takes faith to get back into the boat, cause we are rowing backwards. It is about being involved, faithful. You are an effective member?

The power if a mentor

Do you have a Paul or a Timothy in your life?

Someone to correct us when we are going off course.

We need a Timothy to help us to move us from here to here.

2 Timothy 1:13-14

2 Timothy 3:10-11

2 Timothy 2:15

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate