



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Entrusted

2 Timothy 1: 6-14

1. Please read 2 Timothy 1:6-14 -“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.⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or me his prisoner. Rather, in with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He 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, ¹⁰but 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.”

At first glance, what words or phrases jump out to you from this scripture? Why?

What might God be saying to you in your current season of life through this passage?

In Verse 8, Paul asks Timothy to join him in his suffering for the gospel...

2. Suffering is a theme of 2 Timothy, mentioned in five separate verses. Another example is 2 Timothy 2:3 “Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” This led me to say “We who follow Christ will have times of celebration and suffering. Our role is to embrace the journey.” Do you agree that living for Christ will add suffering to your life? What are some ways you have suffered for your faith?

Considering **Romans 5:3-4** “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.**” How should you view suffering? What is a way you sense God building your faith right now?

3. It seems that Timothy might have been personally dealing with fear and shame. That may be why Paul instructs him not to be afraid or timid (**2 Tim. 1:7**) and why shame is mentioned four times in **2 Timothy**. Fear and shame are powerful internal forces that threaten to hold us back from being the people God is calling us to become. Tell a story about how fear held you back from something God had for you.

Shame is defined as a painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the conscious awareness of dishonorable past behavior or inadequacy. Has shame played a role in your life? How do you think faith in Christ helps us overcome shame?

4. Please Read **2 Timothy 11-14** - “...for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, 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.” What stands out to you here?

This passage speaks of something that has been entrusted to us. Using the context as your guide, what do you think has been entrusted to those who follow Christ?

What does it mean “to guard” in this context? How might you guard the good deposit entrusted to you?

5. The theme of our study in **2 Timothy** is to FAN THE FLAME, which calls us to reignite our passion for God. Passion is described as energy or motivation toward an activity or person. Our passion can be affected by our busy schedules as well as emotional or physical pain in our lives. How would you evaluate your passion for God in this season of your life? What is holding it back from being a flame?

Tell a story of a time when your passion for God was rekindled. What needs to change for you to have your passion for God reinvigorated?