

# Final Thoughts

## 2 Timothy

Part 2 – Guard what God has entrusted to you...  
with the right ATTITUDE... COURAGE

Seven reasons not to be <u>ASHAMED</u> of Jesus	vs. 9-12
He <u>SAVED</u> us from our sin, judgment, and Hell	vs. 9
He <u>CALLED</u> us to live a better life, in <u>HOLINESS</u>	vs. 9
He accomplished this without our <u>ASSISTANCE</u>	vs. 9
He secured this <u>BEFORE</u> our time	vs. 9
He <u>PROVED</u> it through Jesus' life and death	vs. 10
He <u>APPOINTED</u> us to share it	vs. 11
He is a trustworthy <u>GUARDIAN</u> of our lives	vs. 12
Three steps to being <u>COURAGEOUS</u>	vs. 13-18
Have and hold onto Biblical <u>CONVICTIONS</u>	vs. 13
Be a <u>GUARDIAN</u> of the treasure entrusted to you	vs. 14
<u>PROGRAM</u> yourself to expect opposition	vs. 15-18
<u>DETRACTORS</u> and <u>DEFECTORS</u> – Phygelus and Hermogenes	
<u>REFRESHERS</u> and <u>RENDERERS</u> – Onesiphorus	4:19

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – January 22, 2023

**2 Timothy 1:13-14** *Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.*

### DISCOVER

1. How do we guard this treasure? Last week, we talked about discipline. How does discipline help us guard the treasure of truth and salvation?
2. What is the opposite of being ashamed? How does being associated with Jesus lead to pushback? Are people more likely to object to Jesus or their opinion of religion? How should being associated with Jesus give us strength?

### EXPLORE

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-18. What is meant by shame as written by Paul? Which do you think is a bigger issue for you, fear or shame of telling the good news? Which of the following might you be susceptible to: a reluctance to be vocal, going quiet, or distancing oneself from sharing the good news?
2. Focusing on verse 14, what enabled Paul to be courageous? What gives you courage? Take a few minutes to remind each other of all that Jesus has done for us. When was a time you were courageous? Name a believer that you have seen demonstrate courage and explain the situation that led to your admiration.
3. Focusing on verse 16, how can we refresh those in leadership positions given their increased exposure to criticism and attack? What role do life groups play in supporting leaders of the church?
4. Phil noted there are seven reasons given by Paul not to be ashamed. Which of the seven would a non-believer most likely object to? Why would they object? Which of the seven are a call to action for believers? Which of the seven stands out to you?

### EXPERIENCE

1. What can be beneficial about expecting opposition? When did Jesus experience opposition? How do we get past objections to perceived issues in churches when we talk about Jesus? If the objections to religion are unfounded then are you determined to invite the person to church?
2. How do you prepare your heart for opposition? How do we prepare ourselves so that the expectation of opposition doesn't hold us back? What right did Paul have to talk about those who opposed the gospel? No matter the pushback, we must stand on the truth. Can we hold onto Biblical convictions even though we can't overwhelm objectors with logic, knowledge, and debate skills? Explain your answer.
3. Tell the group of a time when you boldly spoke up for Jesus. When was a time when you were reluctant to speak up? What does it take for you to have a clear conscience over failures to testify?

### PRAY

*Pray... God, we know your Word gives us the knowledge to boldly testify of your love. May we be found worthy, standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents. This courage and power comes only from you. Amen.*

*Action... Prepare yourself and be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.*