Theme: The book of 2 Timothy is the farewell letter from the apostle Paul to his spiritual son Timothy to encourage him, and all believers, to stand strong for the faith in the

#### I. A Father, A Son, and the Spirit

- A. Theme: Paul writes to his spiritual son Timothy, fondly remembering his participation in the ancient faith and encouraging him to stir up the Spirit's Presence and gifts.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Holy Spirit; multi-generational perspective and ministry; spiritual gifts; Christian life

# II. Unashamed To Suffer for the Gospel

- A. Theme: Christians are not to be ashamed of the Gospel but must be willing to suffer for clearly proclaiming it and living a life of holiness in the midst of an unbelieving and unholy culture.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 1:8-18
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 29:11
- E. Teaching keywords: Evangelism and missions; suffering; holiness; gospel; Christian life

### III. Grace To Suffer for the Gospel of Christ

- A. Theme: Believers must grow strong in grace so that they will be able to endure the suffering necessary to guard and pass on the precious deposit of the Gospel.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Grace; suffering; Christian life; multi-generational perspective and ministry; heaven, hell, and eternity

# IV. A Faithful Saying About the Faithful God

- A. Theme: Believers can be encouraged to be faithful, enduring even through suffering, by remembering the faithfulness of God.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Philippians 3:10-11
- E. Teaching keywords: Character of God; heaven, hell, and eternity; Christian life; suffering; endurance

# V. Fighting the Good Fight for the Faith - Part 1

- A. Theme: To protect a local church from false teaching, leaders must work hard to teach the truth, focusing on the great doctrines of God's Word and avoiding useless controversies, and back up their teaching with the power of a godly life.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Word of God; leadership; character; godliness; false teaching and heresy

### VI. Fighting the Good Fight for the Faith - Part 2

- A. Theme: To fight the good fight for the faith we must confront error clearly, but without being quarrelsome or argumentative, but always speaking and acting in a manner that works for the restoration of those trapped in error.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: False teaching and heresy; character; godliness; tongue and words; technology

# VII. Moral Decay In the Last Days

- A. Theme: We live in the last days, which are terrible times marked by moral decay and deception, but the Gospel and Spirit provide power to deliver us from the dominance of sin and error.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- E. Teaching keywords: Sin; sanctification; character; godliness; eschatology; LGBTQ+; sexual sin

### VIII. Deception and Truth In the Last Days

- A. Theme: The last days are full of deception, but Christians must strive to be faithful to the truth in their belief and conduct regardless of the consequences.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 3:6-13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10
- E. Teaching keywords: False teaching and heresy; truth; suffering; godliness

#### IX. The Power of God's Written Word

- A. Theme: The Bible is God's written Word so it is powerful to point us to salvation through faith in Christ and to thoroughly equip us to discern truth from error, share the Gospel with others, and form our character in righteousness.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Word of God; leadership; Gospel; correction; godliness

#### X. A Father's Final Charge To His Son

- A. Theme: Church leaders are called to preach the whole Word of God, never altering it to suit the desires of others, so that they may faithfully fulfill their call.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:58
- E. Teaching keywords: Word of God; leadership; false teaching and heresy; evangelism and missions; eschatology

#### XI. Finishing Well

- A. Theme: Christians are motivated to finish well, even if it requires suffering, by remembering the eternal reward Christ will give to them when He returns.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:58
- E. Teaching keywords: Eschatology; Christian life; integrity, honesty, and faithfulness; second coming; heaven, hell, and eternity

#### XII. Never Alone

- A. Theme: Paul was abandoned by many in his time of need, but he was never alone for the Lord was always with Him, turning his suffering into opportunities for the Gospel, and delivering him even through death itself.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 4:9-22
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Timothy 4:22
- E. Teaching keywords: Eschatology; salvation and deliverance; biblical characters

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