

2 Timothy

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work... Preach the Word" (3:16-17; 4:2).

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Summary Statement

Persevere against apostasy
despite hardship by faithfully
preaching the Word.

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Kingdom Statement

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The mention “by His appearing and His kingdom” (4:1 NAU) links Christ’s return with his millennial rule while “bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom” (4:18 NAU) shows its eternal nature.

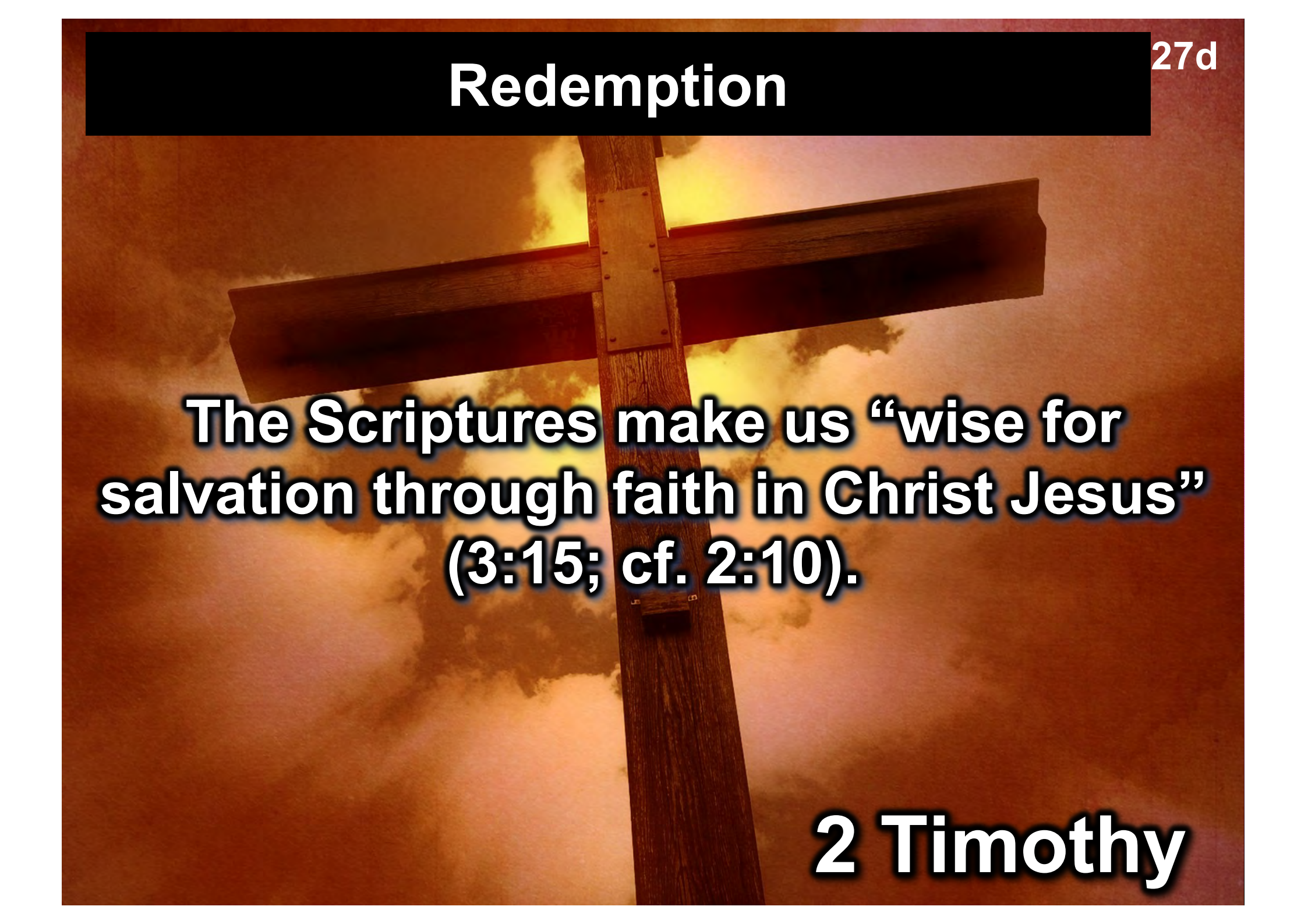
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Paul was “an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus” (1:1).

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Redemption

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The Scriptures make us “wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (3:15; cf. 2:10).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

Jesus is called Lord 16 times in only four short chapters (e.g., 1:8; 2:19; 4:8), which makes sense as Paul was about to die for proclaiming His deity.

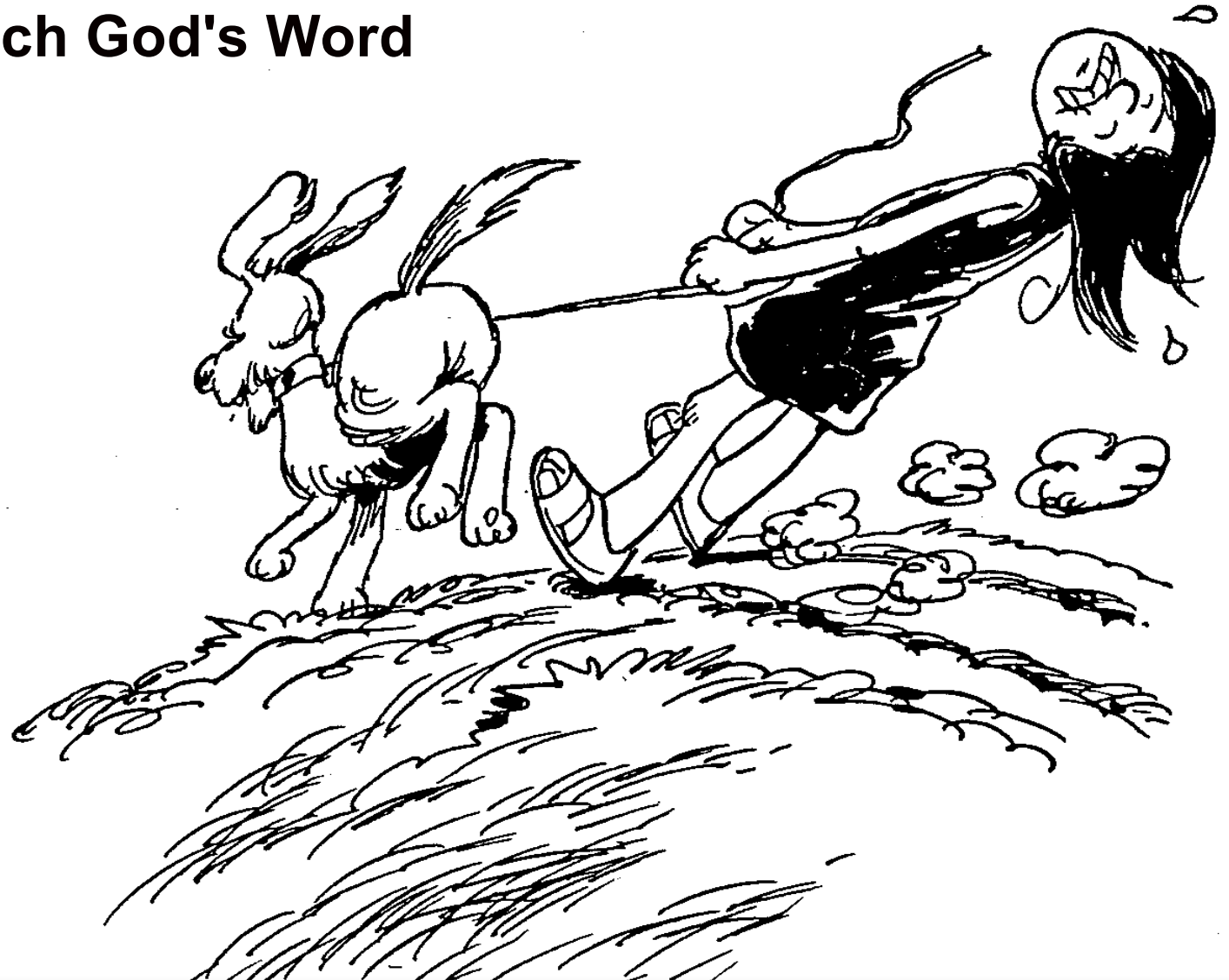
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Sound Doctrine Against Opposition

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Autumn AD 67 (Second Roman Imprisonment)				

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SECOND TIMOTHY



Be Persevering



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Apostasy.

“a turning away by rejecting”



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How can you **persevere**
amidst apostasy?



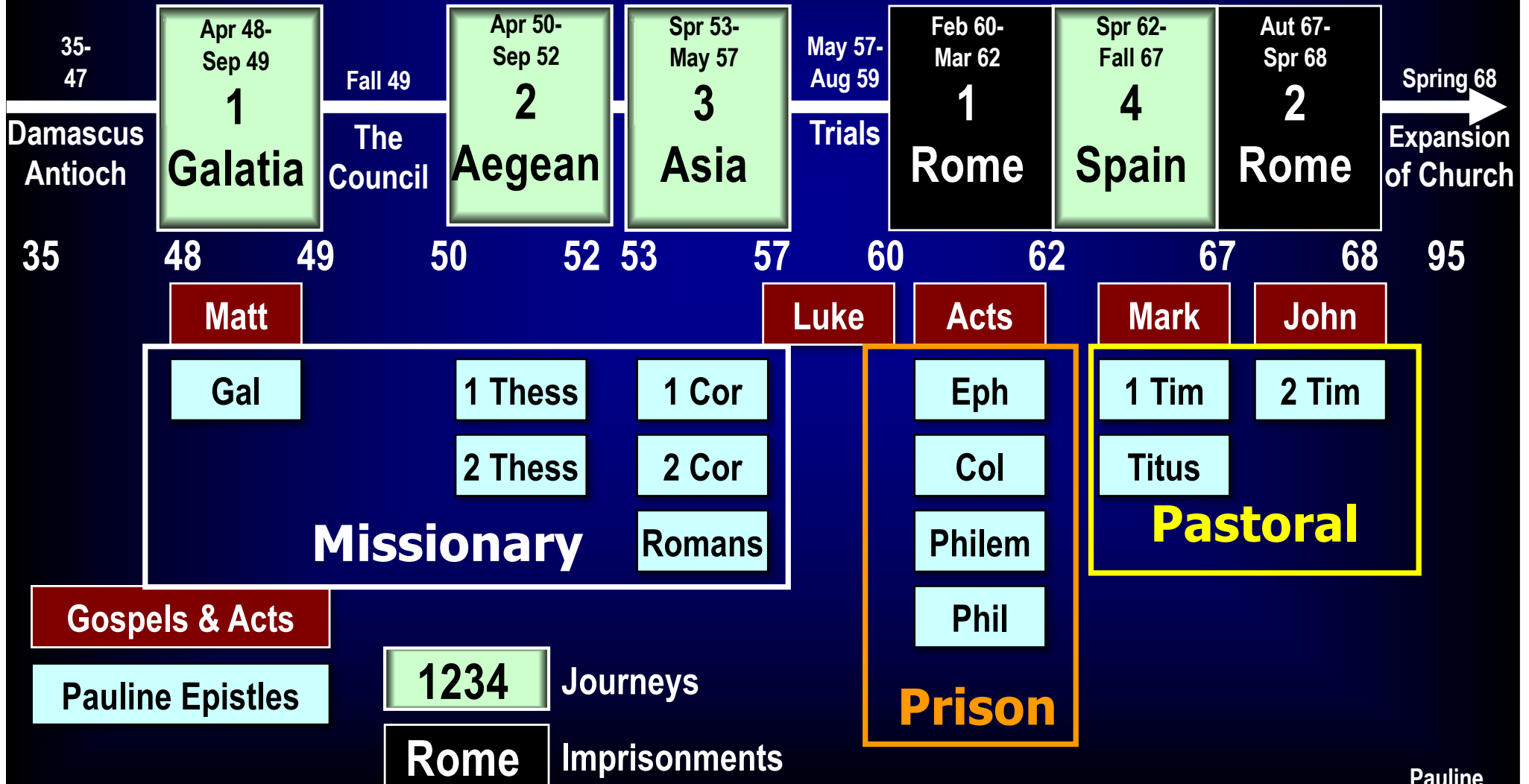
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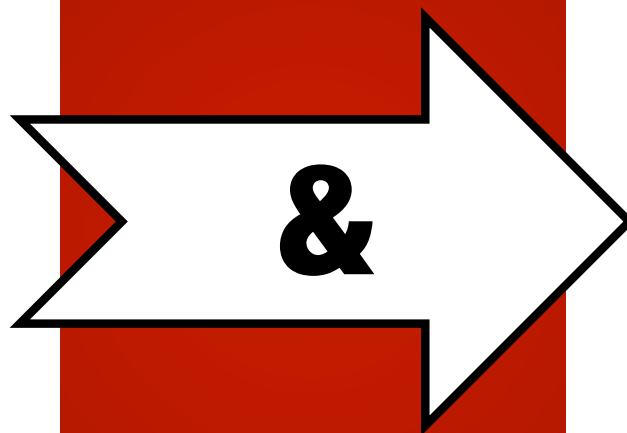
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How to hang in there: Faithfully...

Obey
God's
Word

1-2



Preach
God's
Word

3-4

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Main Idea

**Faithfully obey and preach
God's Word.**



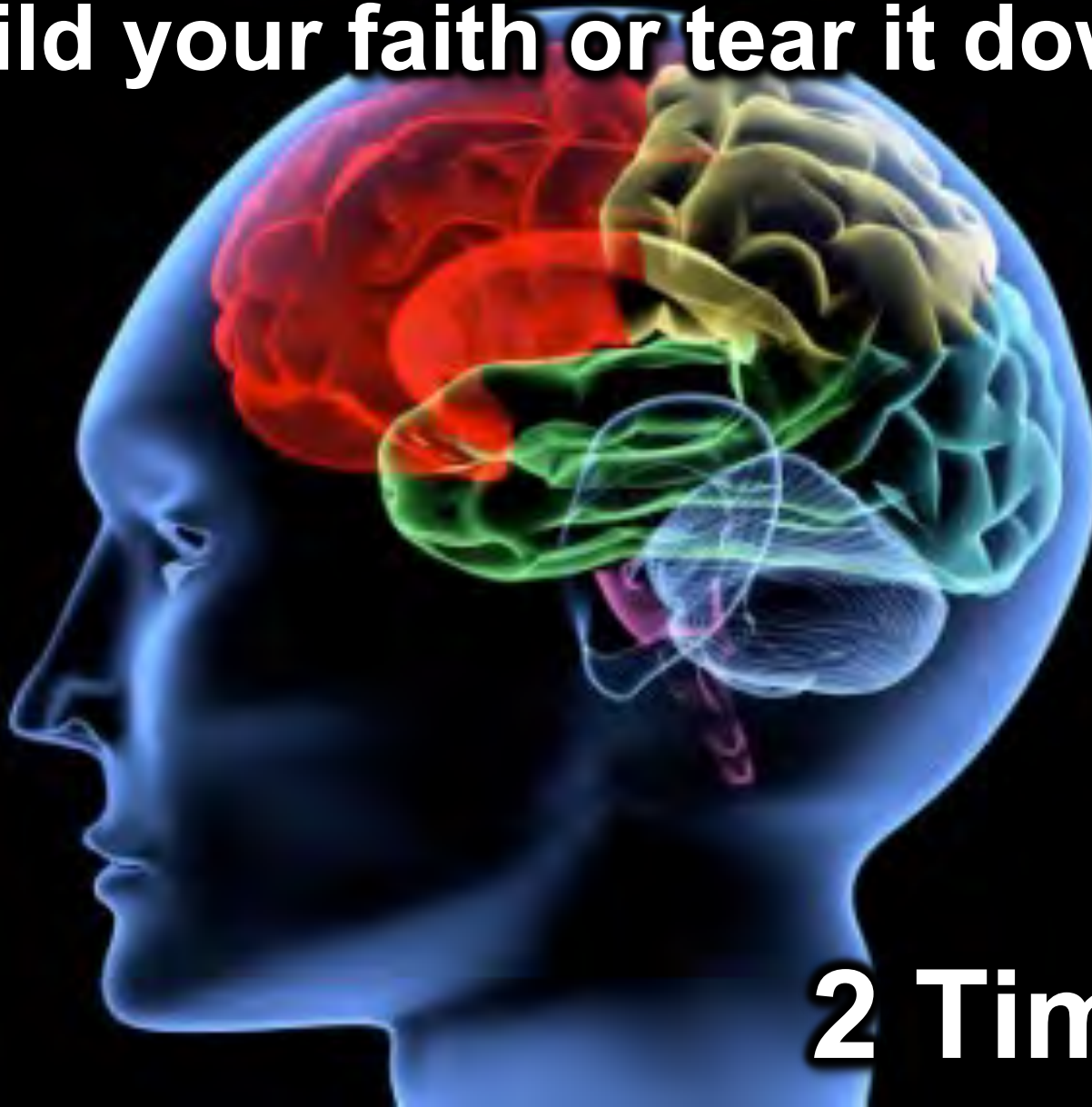
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**Does your reading, news, friends,
movies, TV, and especially the Internet
build your faith or tear it down?**



2 Timothy





The Future



**As a Christian, should you be
optimistic about the future?**



The Future

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The Future

THE FUTURE IS OURS





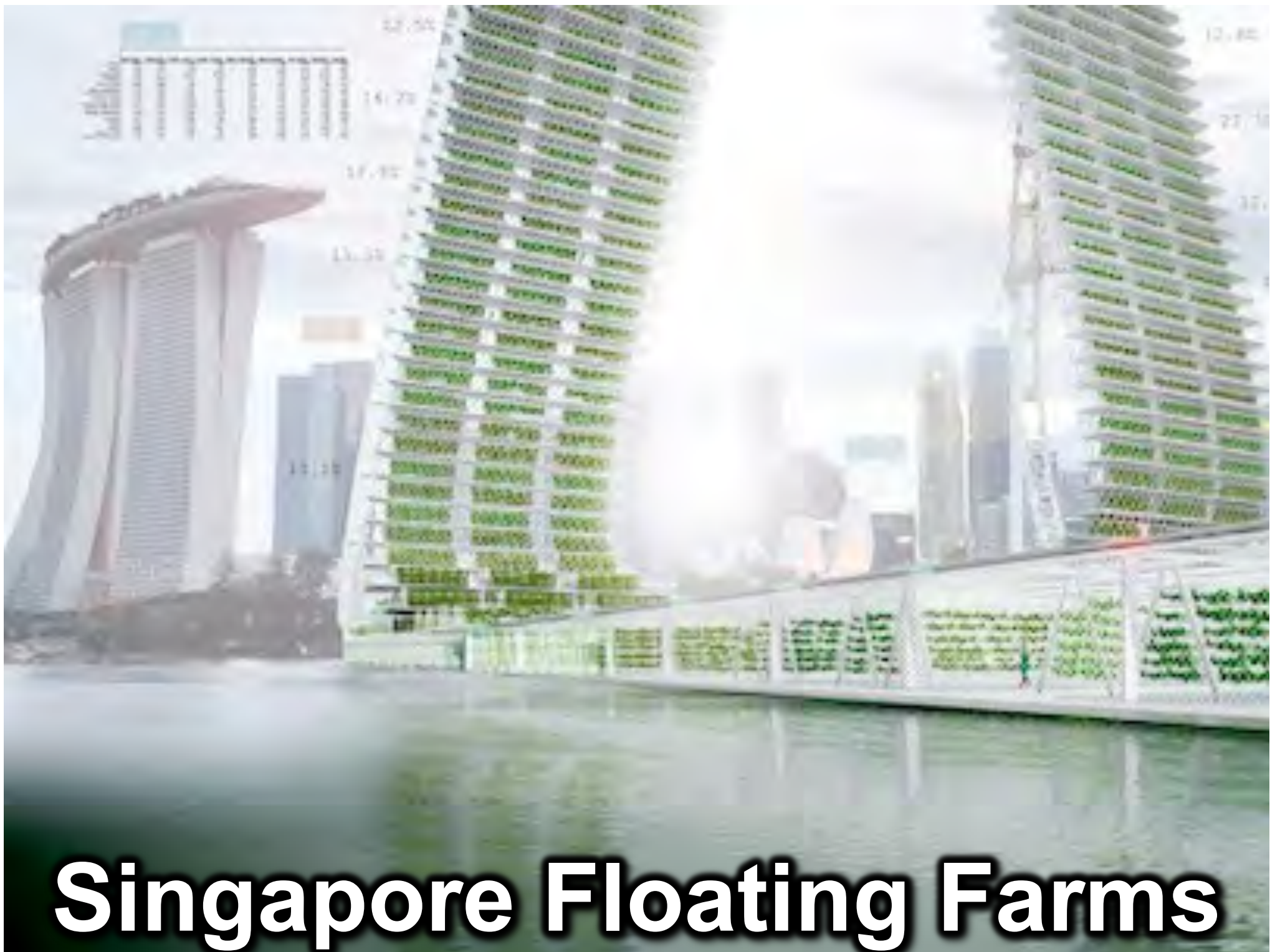
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Shouldn't we be encouraged?



**As a
Christian, do
you have
optimism
about the
future?**

You shouldn't.

It will get worse.



APOSTASY



**“They will be fooled by
evil spirits and by
teachings that come
from demons”
(1 Timothy 4:1)**

APOSTASY

- **Proofs and Fulfillments: (185)**
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- Christian and Jewish Clergy Bless Abortion Clinic, Claim "God is Present in This Space"
- Ohio School To Remove Ten Commandments Plaque For Almost 100 Years After Atheist Group
- Evangelical denomination expels entire congregation over LGBT policy
- Newly Consecrated Gay Bishop Declares God Is A Woman - The Daily Caller
- Largest US Presbyterian Denomination to Ordain First Non-Binary Person as
- Joel Osteen Celebrates LGBTQ Pride at Lady Gaga Event
- United Church of Christ clergy hold service of blessing at Planned Parenthood
- Hillsong Church Affirms Full Pro-LGBTQ Position in Their One World Religion Alpha Conference
- Methodist University Offers Students Course on 'Queer Bible Hermeneutics'
- Chrlam Founder Rick Warren Partnering With Mosques To Equate God Of The Bible And Allah
- Durham Church offers to cover crosses while hosting Muslim prayers - Anglican
- Investigation Shows Televangelists Living Lavish Lifestyles
- Prosperity Gospel Plantation Owner, Paula White, Claims God Told Her to Accept Title of 'Apostle'
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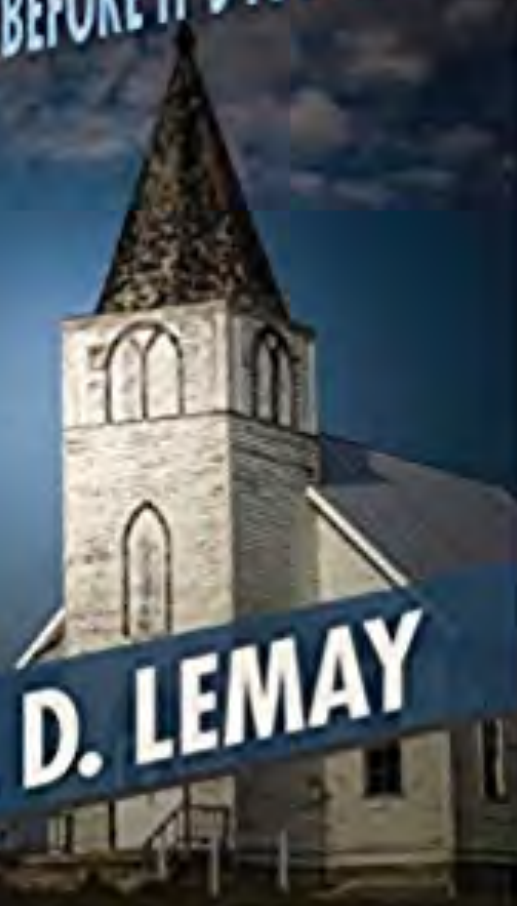
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AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY'S SLIDE INTO APOSTASY

WHAT WE MUST DO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Remember therefore from
where you have fallen; repent,
and do the works you did at first.
- Revelation 2:5

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Title

The Letter of 2 Timothy
(*Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β* *Second to Timothy*)
is one of the three books commonly
called “Pastoral Epistles,” which are
unique in that they are addressed to
individuals (not churches) and
constitute Paul's last writings

Introduction

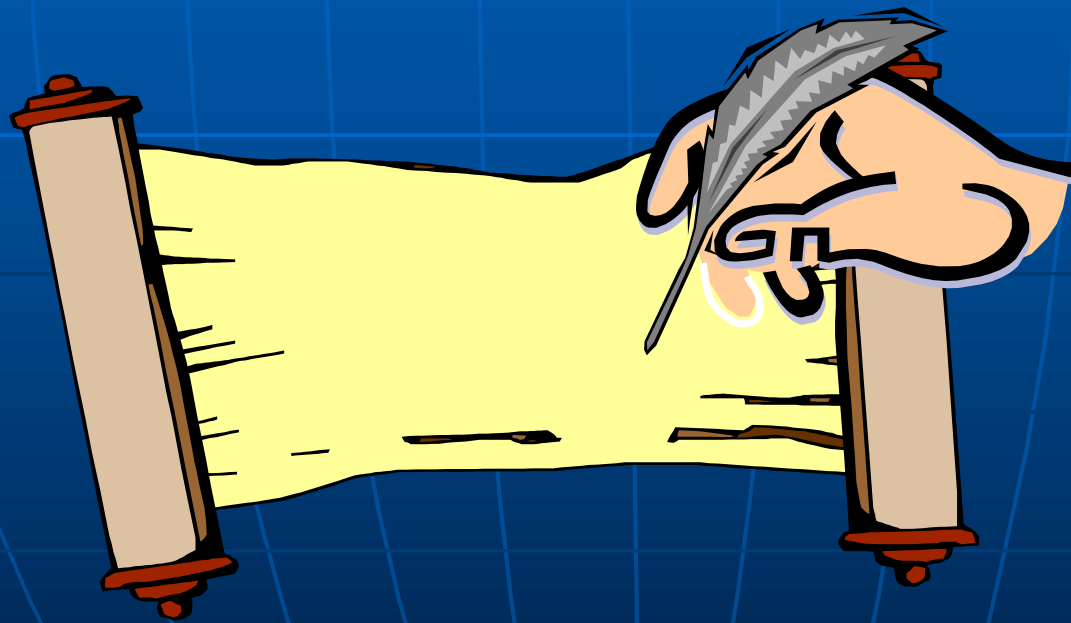
- One of the three pastoral epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus)
- Paul addressed these to individuals (compared to his other letters to churches)



Authorship

- Apostle Paul

(stated clearly in verses 1 & 2 “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ.....to Timothy my beloved child...”)



External Evidence

Attestation for Pauline authorship is as good as that of any other Pauline epistle except Romans and 1 Corinthians

Internal Evidence

The letter claims Pauline authorship (2 Tim. 1:1) and contains the typical Pauline characteristics



2 Timothy

Origin/Recipients

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Paul penned 2 Timothy to his long-time traveling companion, Timothy (2 Tim. 1:2), 5 years after his 1st letter.

Assuming Timothy still remained in Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3b), 2 Timothy also had the same destination (2 Tim. 1:16-18; 4:19).

Rome

Ephesus

The letter was written from Rome (1:17; 2:9) during Paul's 2nd Roman imprisonment after his 1st defense before the Imperial Court (4:16-17).

Extent of the Roman Empire at about A.D. 200

Place

During Paul's second imprisonment



2 Timothy



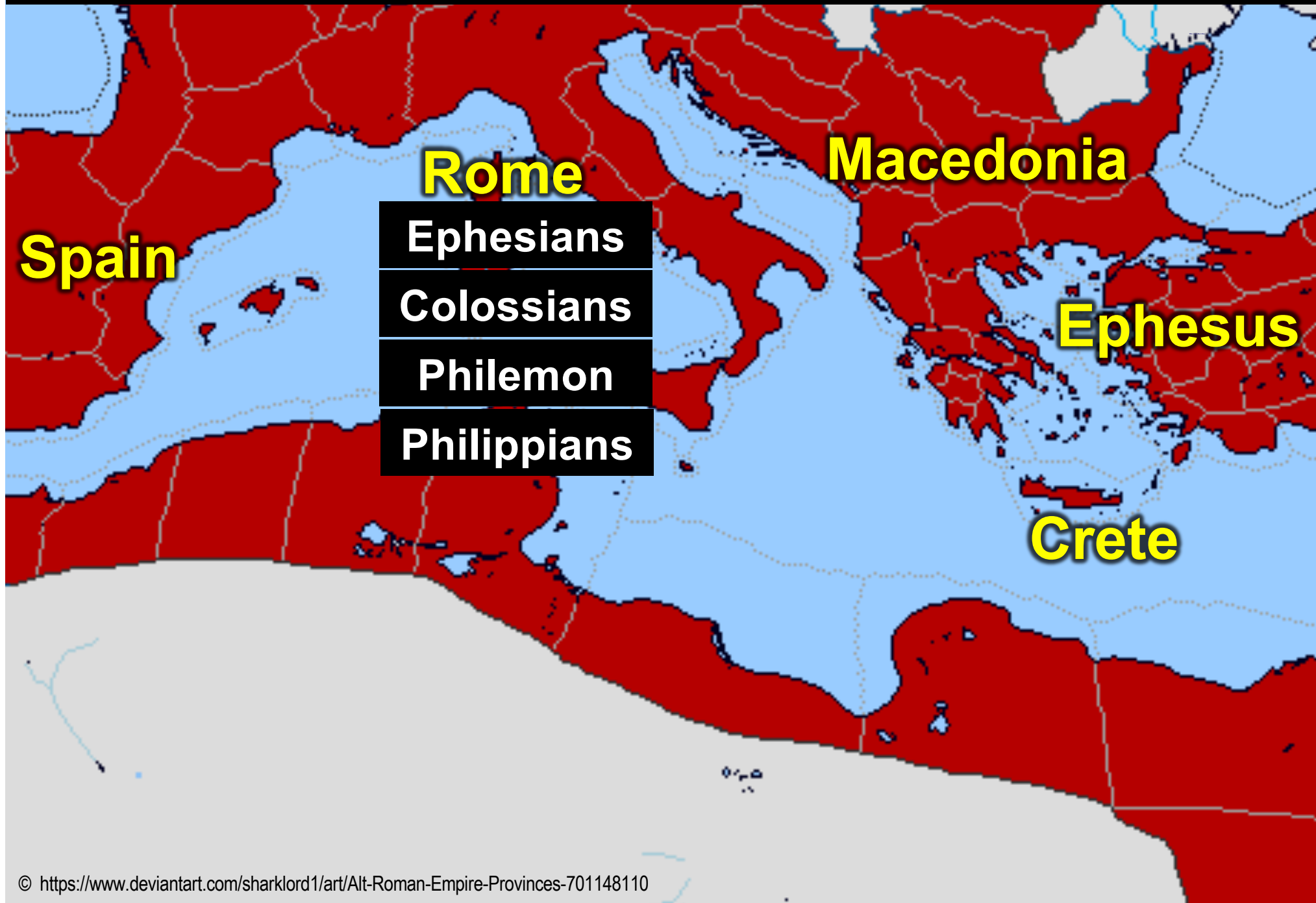
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Date

**Emperor Nero
Reigning (AD 67)**



Fourth Missions Trip
1-2 Timothy & Titus After Acts
Spring 62 – Fall 67



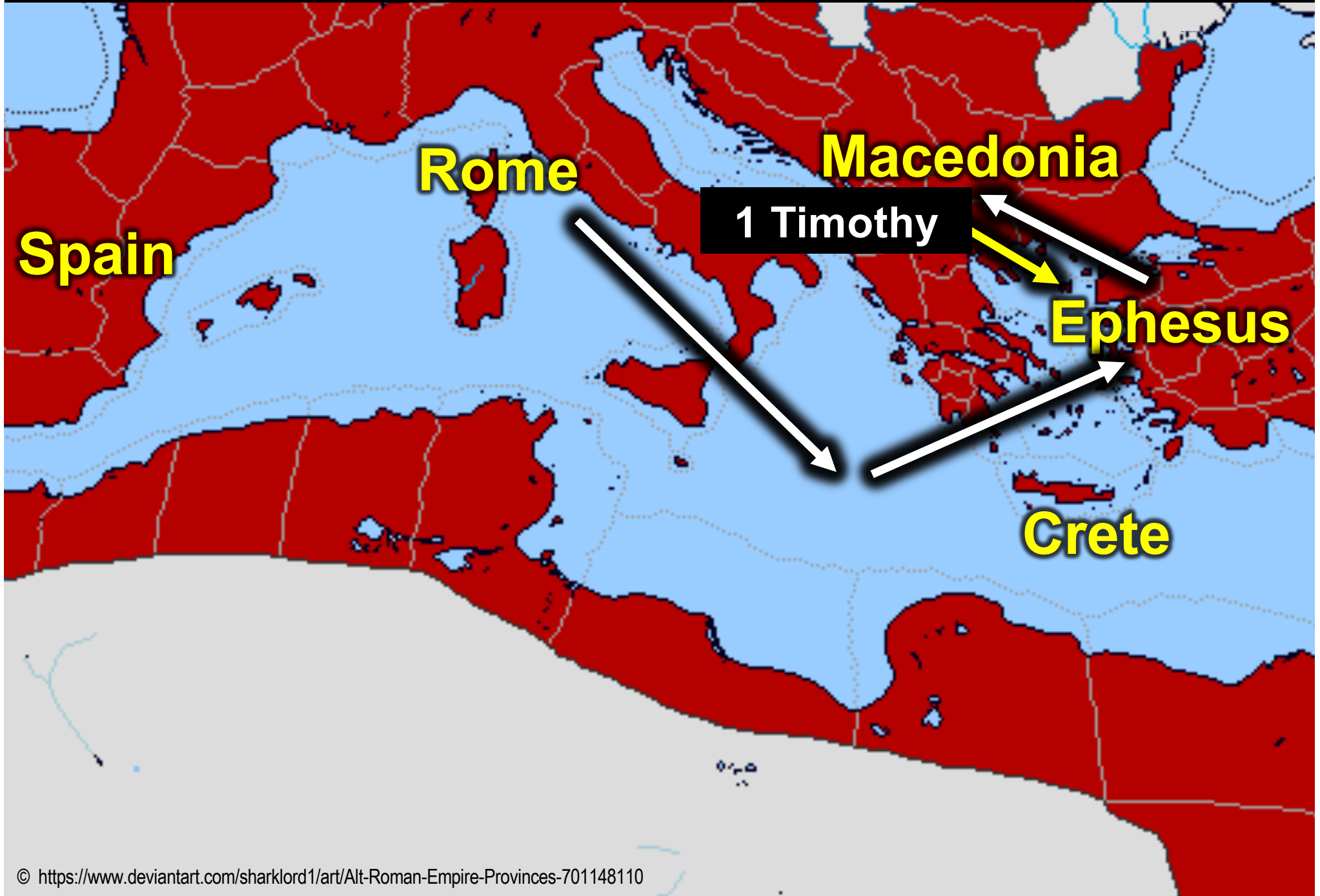
The chronology of Paul's latter years is obscure, yet one harmonization of the internal and external data yields this scenario:

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|---|-----------------------------|
| ▪ 1st Roman Imprisonment
(Acts 28:30-31) | February 60–March 62 |
| ▪ Paul writes Ephesians,
Colossians, Philemon,
and Philippians | Autumn 60–early Spring 62 |
| ▪ Martyrdom of James,
the Lord's brother | Spring 62 |



Paul's Post-Acts Journey

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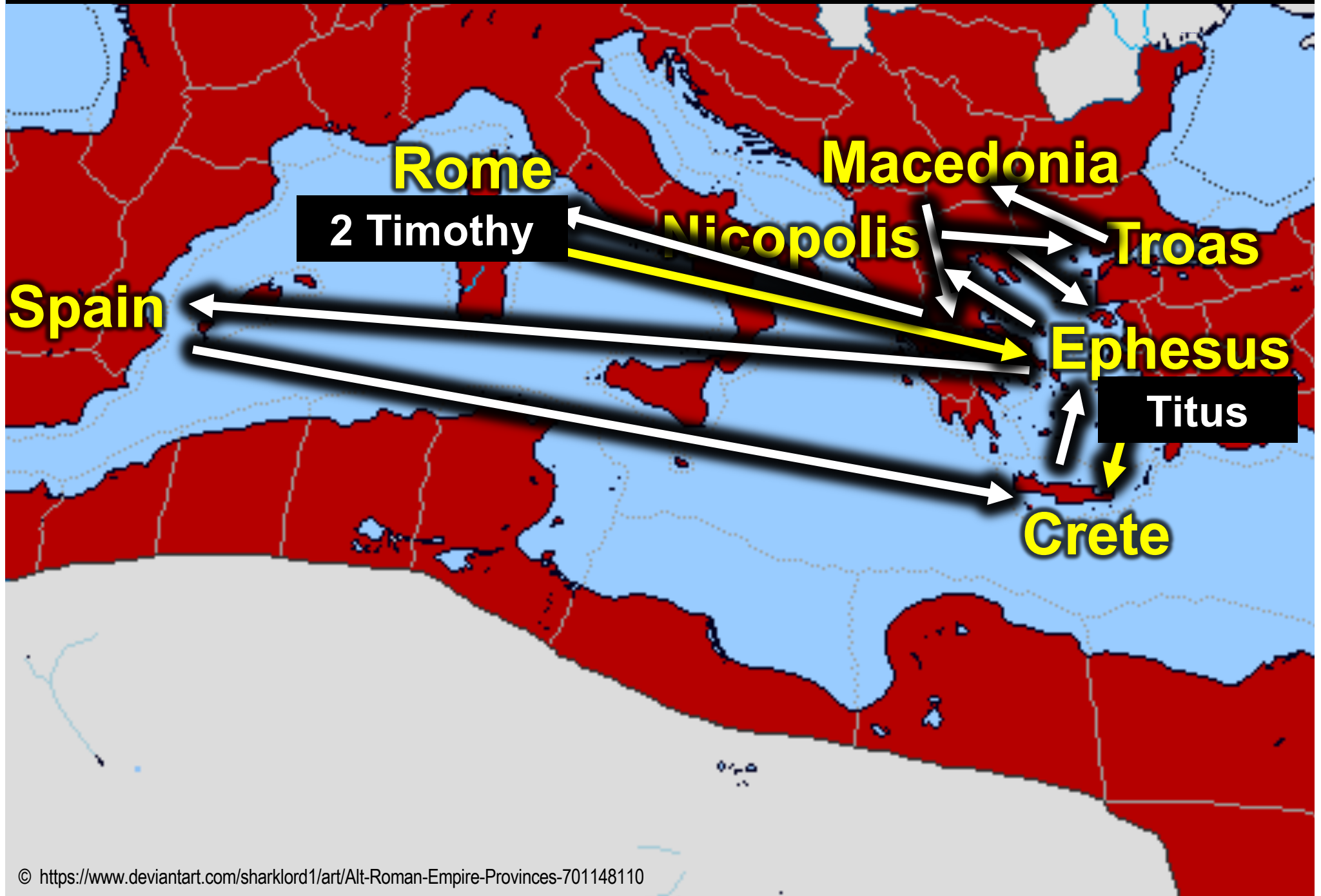


- **Freedom from Imprisonment** **Spring 62–Autumn 67**
- Paul in Ephesus and Colosse
(Timothy left at Ephesus) Spring–Summer 62
- Peter travels to Rome 62
- Paul in Macedonia late summer 62-winter 62/63
- **1 Timothy** written in Macedonia
to Timothy in Ephesus Autumn 62
- Paul in Asia Minor Spring 63-Spring 64
- Paul in Spain
(anticipated in Rom. 15:24) Spring 64-Spring 66
- Christians persecuted by Nero
and Peter martyred Summer 64



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Pastorals

Date

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- Paul in Crete (Titus left there; Tit. 1:5) early Summer 66
- Paul in Asia Minor Summer-Autumn 66
- **Titus** written from Asia Minor to Titus in Crete Summer 66
- Paul in Nicopolis (Tit. 3:12) Winter 66/67
- Paul in Troas (2 Tim. 4:13), Macedonia and Greece Spring–Autumn 67
- 2nd Roman Imprisonment** Autumn 67–Spring 68
- Paul arrested and brought to Rome Autumn 67
- **2 Timothy** written from Rome to Timothy in Ephesus Autumn 67
- Paul beheaded Spring 68
- **Destruction of Jerusalem** 2 September 70

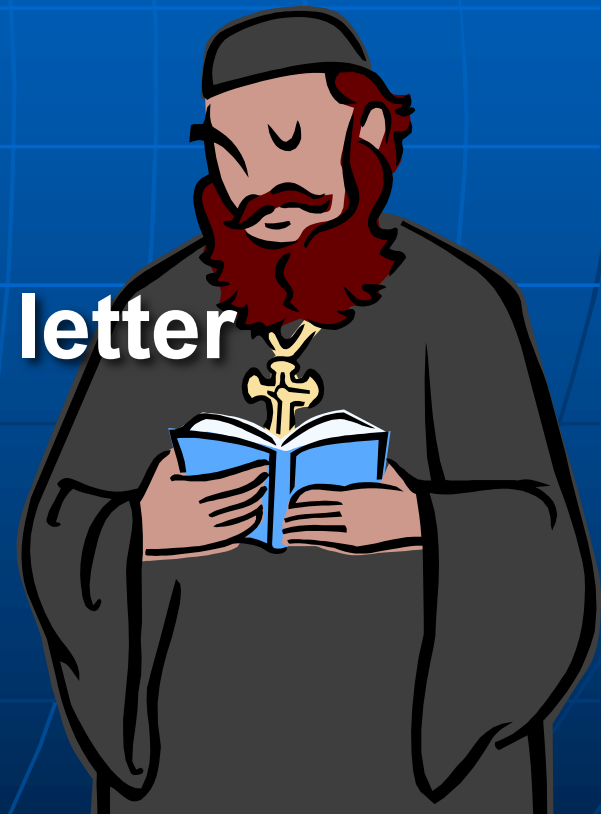


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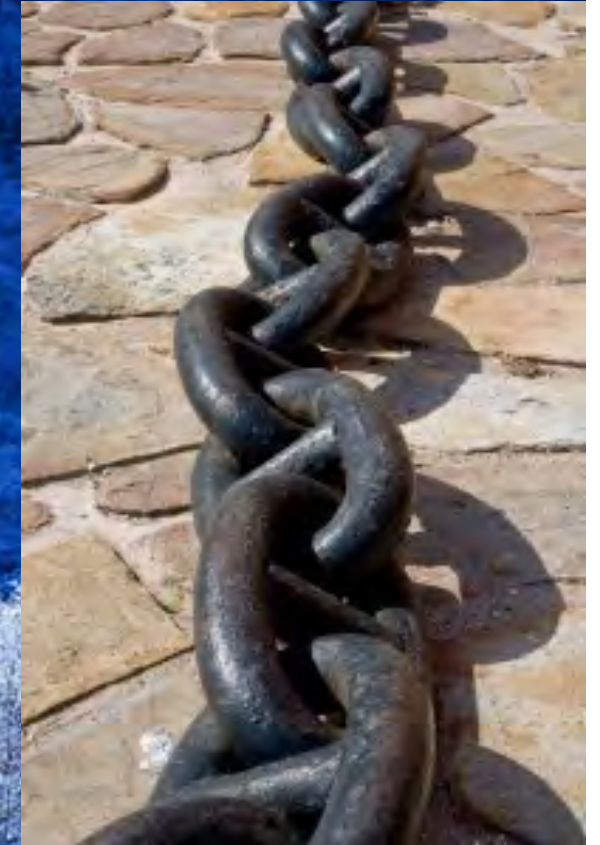
Timothy – Paul's long-time travel companion

Type

Highly personal & emotional letter



OCCASION



- written 5 years after 1 Timothy
- Paul's second Roman imprisonment
(4: 6-8)
- before Paul's execution (4: 9, 21)
- when Nero put blame on Christians

2 Timothy

Occasion

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When Paul wrote 2 Timothy in AD 67 he was an experienced inmate in several cities:

- Jerusalem: 10 years earlier (May 29-June 9, 57)
- Caesarea: 8-10 years earlier (June 57-Aug 59)
- Rome: 5-7 years earlier (Feb 60-March 62)

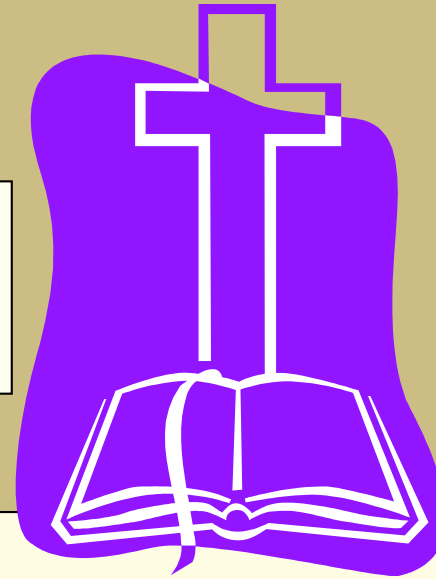
Having spent nearly 5 of the past 10 years behind bars, he knew about prisons and political procedures. He knew that this second Roman imprisonment could only result in execution (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Since Paul did not expect to live much longer in the Roman jail, he requested Timothy to hurry to him before winter (2 Tim. 4:9, 21).



- This letter to “my dear son” (1:2) is the last letter we have from Paul.
- It gives the clearest NT exposition of the *need* for exposition (4:2), telling us to:
 - Guard the gospel (1:14)
 - Keep the Scriptures central (2:15)
 - Persevere in the gospel (3:14)
 - Suffer for the gospel (1:8; 2:3)
 - Deem the Scriptures inspired (3:16-17)

Key Word
Doctrine



Key Verse

**“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work... Preach the Word”
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:2).**

ARGUMENT

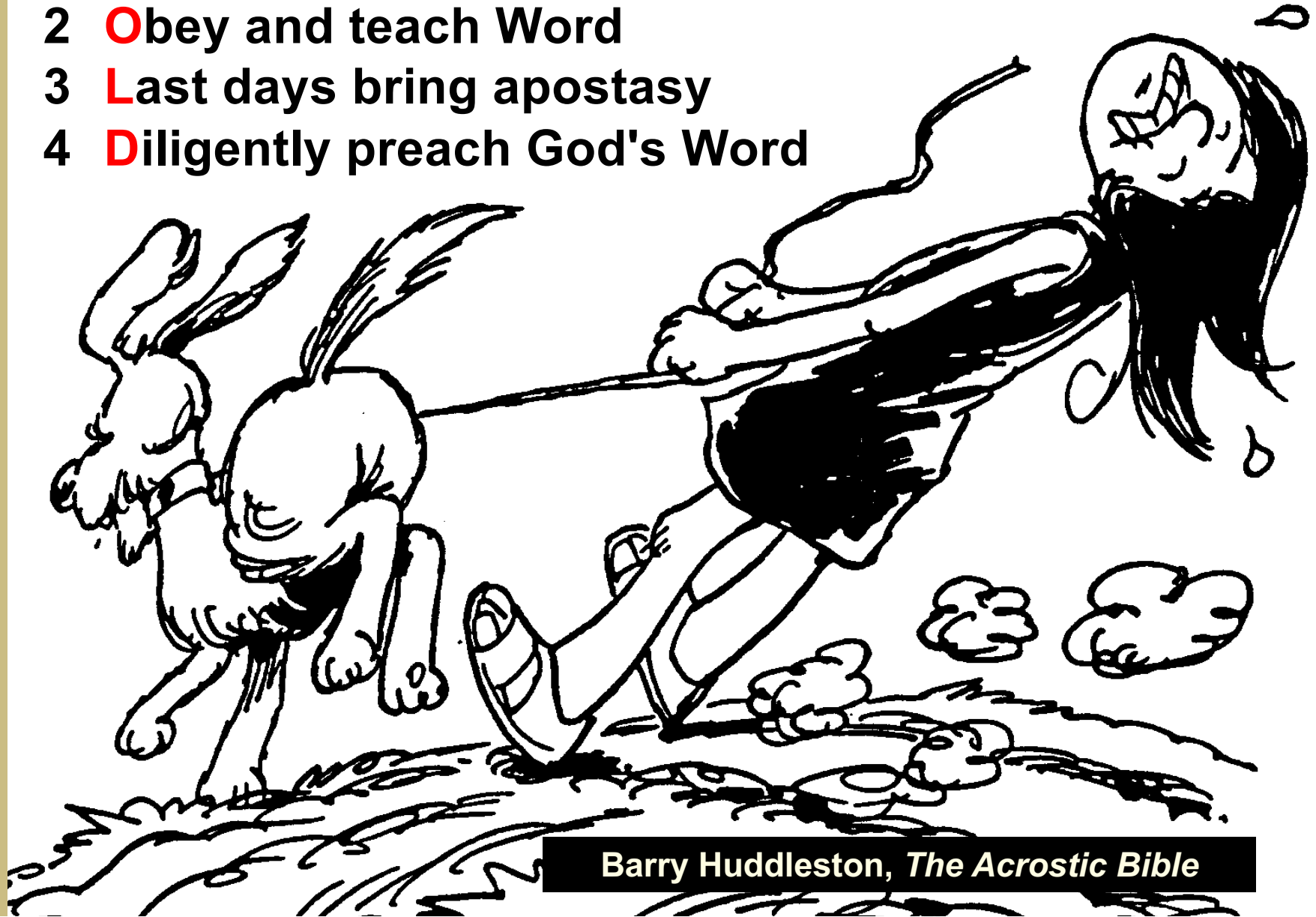
Paul told Timothy what is truly important:

- **Persevere** in your Christian life and faith as a pastor.
- **Preach** the Word of God faithfully amidst hardship and false teachers.



2 Timothy

- 1 **H**old onto true faith
- 2 **O**bey and teach Word
- 3 **L**ast days bring apostasy
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Barry Huddleston, *The Acrostic Bible*

- This letter addresses the man Timothy more than his church (like 1 Timothy).
- With so many falling away just before Paul's death, he carefully chooses his words in his last letter to Timothy to assure that Timothy would remain true to the faith until death.
- The apostle accomplishes this by exhorting him to persevere in present hardships with godly character (2 Tim 1–2) because the future will even be more difficult (2 Tim 3–4).
- He will especially have to fight apostasy by faithfully preaching the Word of God (3:10–4:5).

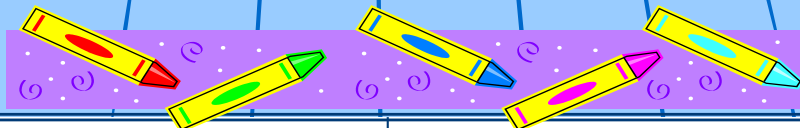
Sound doctrine against opposition



1–2 Persevere in present hardship

3–4 Persevere in future hardship

OUTLINE



Chapters 1 & 2

Chapters 3 & 4

Persevere in Present
Hardship

Persevere in Future
Hardship

Examples of
Faithfulness

Characteristics
of
Faithfulness

Problem:
Apostasy

Solution:
Preach
the Word

Paul's
Hope

When to hang in there...

**Persevere
Now**

&

**Persevere
in the
Future**

Paul led to Prison



First Roman Imprisonment (AD 60-62; Acts 28:15)

"The brothers and sisters in Rome had heard we were coming, and they came to meet us at the Forum on the Appian Way. Others joined us at The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he was encouraged and thanked God" (NLT).



The Pastoral Epistles



The Pastoral Epistles



1 Timothy



Titus



2 Timothy

1-2 Timothy = personal, urgent, doctrinal emphasis

Titus = less urgent, practical emphasis

Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

**"As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful"
(2 Tim. 4:6-7 NLT)**





The Mamertine Prison Building



Rome's Central Forum (Modern Ruins)



Rome's Central Forum (4th Century AD)

A photograph of the Eastern Forum in Rome, Italy, showing various ancient ruins. A red arrow points from a red label box to the Mamertine Prison, and a black arrow points from a black label box to the Curia. The scene includes a tall column on the left, a large brick building in the background, and a domed structure on the right.

**Mamertine
Prison**

**Curia (Senate
"Court")**

Eastern Forum From Above



Central Forum From Above



Western Forum From Above

Curia Inside



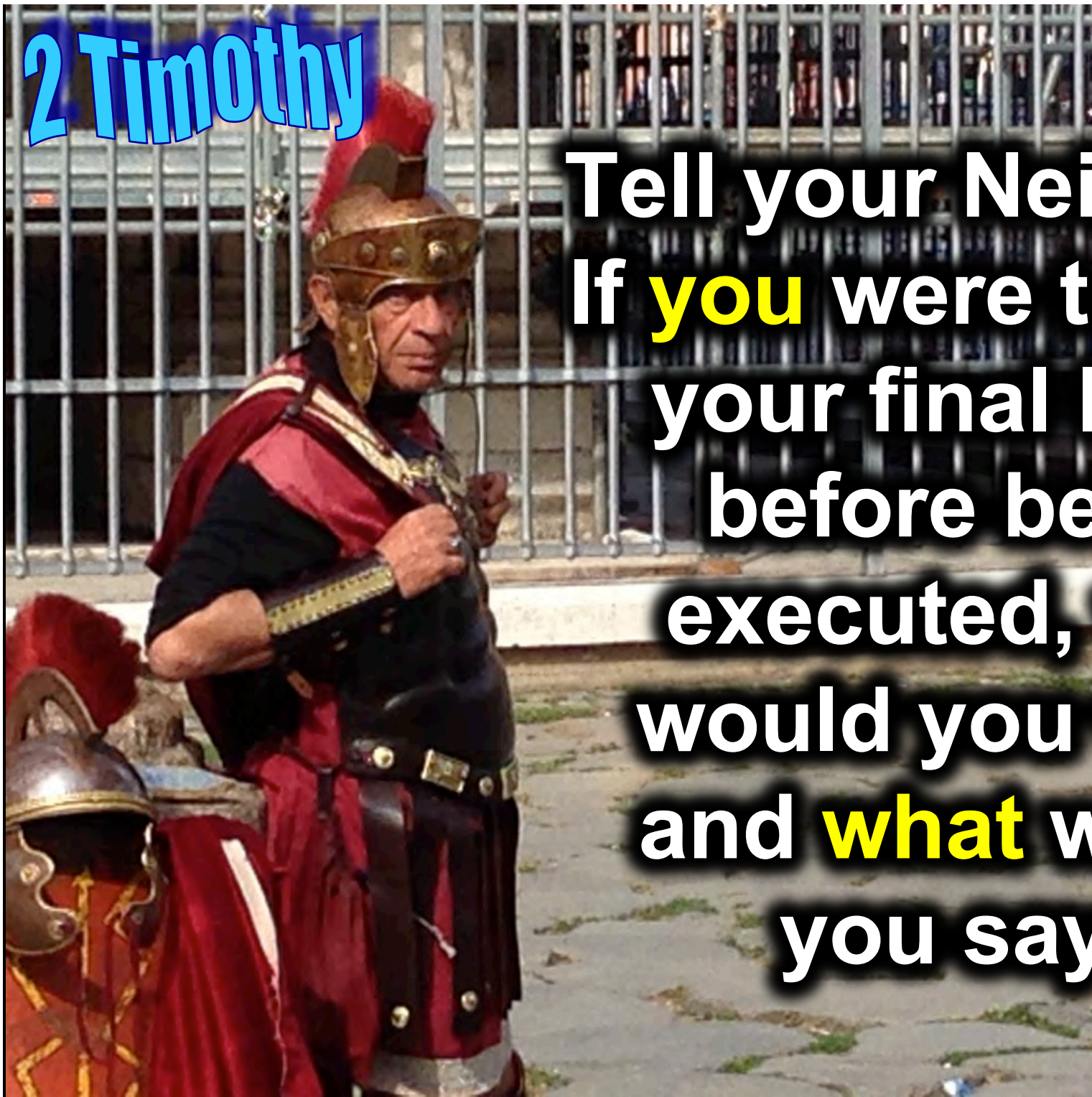
**Reconstruction of interior of the Curia Julia, created by the
UCLA Experiential Technologies Center**



**View of the Forum from the
Mamertine Prison (AD 2014)**

2 Timothy

Tell your Neighbor:
If **you** were to write
your final letter
before being
executed, **who**
would you write
and **what** would
you say?



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MAJOR THEMES

1. Faithfulness

2. Apostasy

3. God-inspired Word



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Many who followed Jesus...



...don't follow him today.



Apostasy.

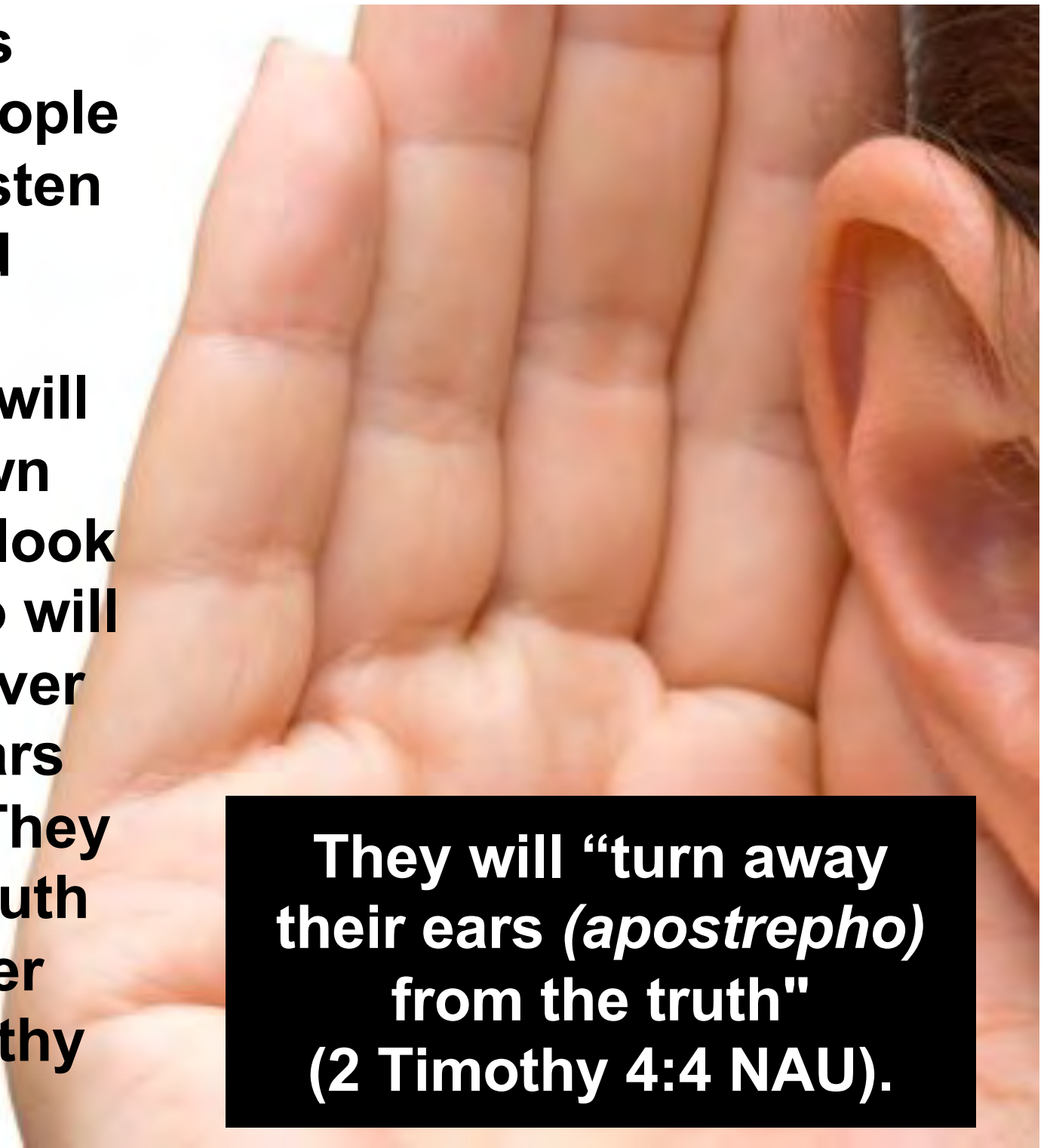
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Crosses Replaced with Islamic Symbols to Make them Feel More at Ease

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FLASHBACK



Decisions like these have unexpected consequences. The first wave of Sharia Islamists are within their rights to take the lesbian bishop and throw her off the steeple. After all, in their eyes she is an infidel, a woman speaking in public and a homosexual, all crimes that are deserving of death to them.

The church targeted is the Seamen's mission church in Stockholm's eastern dockyards. The Bishop held a meeting there and challenged the priest to explain what he'd do if a ship's crew came into port who weren't Christian, but wanted to pray.

Calling Muslims guests to the church "angels," the Bishop later took to her blog to explain that removing Christian symbols from the church and preparing the building for Muslim prayer doesn't make a priest any less a defender of the faith. Rather, to do any-

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How can you **persevere**
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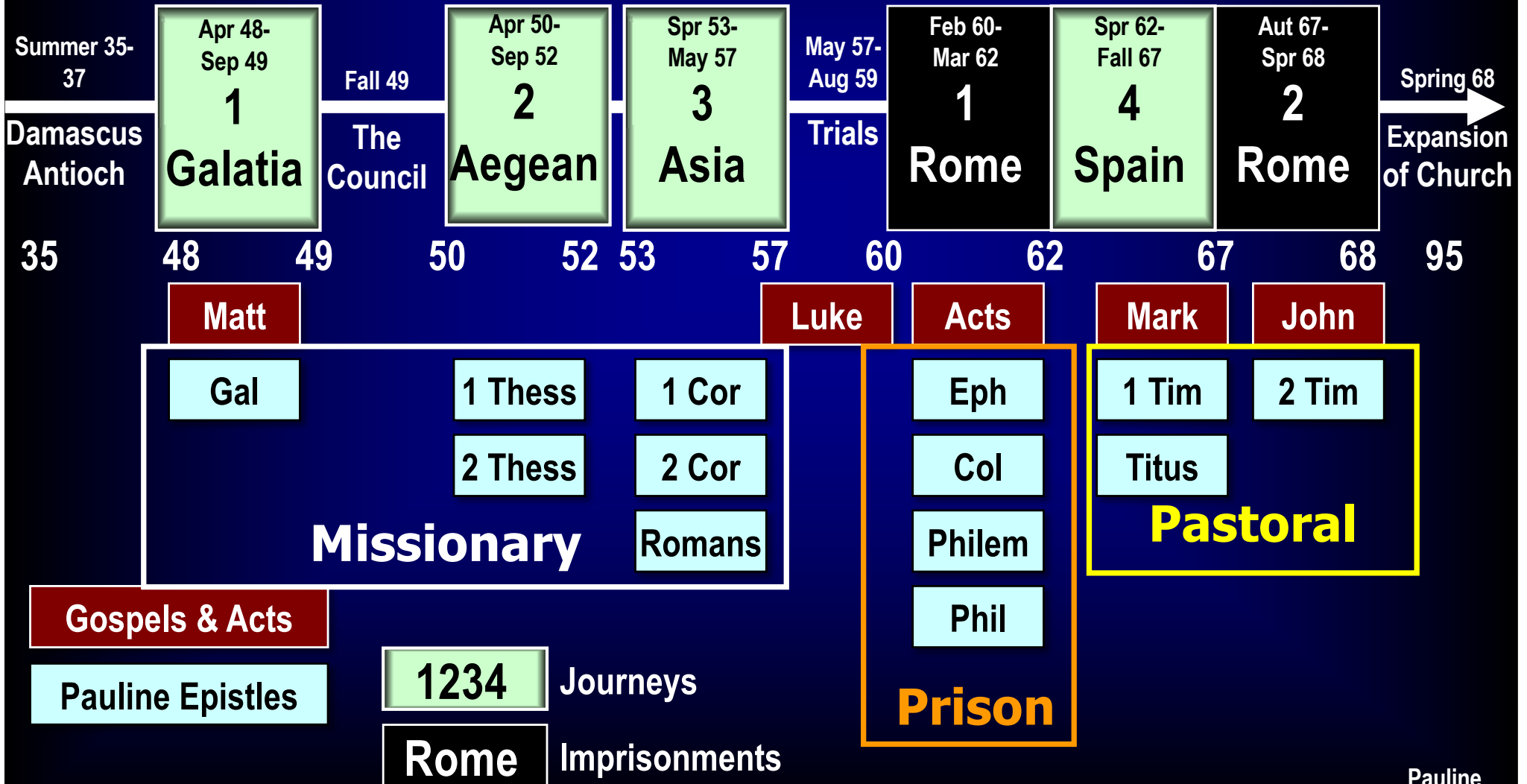
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Fourth Missions Trip
1-2 Timothy & Titus After Acts
Spring 62 – Fall 67

Contrasting the Roman Imprisonments

Feb 60- Mar 62 1 Rome	Spr 62- Fall 67 4 Spain	Aut 67- Spr 68 2 Rome	
60	62	67	68



Pauline Epistles

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Nero's Mental Health

Stable



Insane

AD 64 Fire of Rome

Before

After

View of Christians

Jewish Sect

Mostly Gentiles

Tolerance by Rome

Protected

No restraints

Persecution by Rome

Infrequent

Widespread

Result for Paul

Released

Beheaded

Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

"As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes" (2 Tim. 1:15 NLT)

**"Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
¹³But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived" (2 Tim. 3:12-13 NLT)**

Friends of Paul's Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

"~~T~~ **Timothy**, please come as soon as you can.
¹⁰~~D~~ **Dimitrios** has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. ~~C~~ **Crescens** has gone to Galatia, and ~~T~~ **Titus** has gone to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only **Luke** is with me. Bring ~~M~~ **Mark** with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. ¹²I sent ~~T~~ **Tychicus** to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with ~~C~~ **Caius** at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers. ¹⁴~~A~~ **Alexander** the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. ¹⁵Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said" (2 Tim. 4:9-15 NLT).



"The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death" (2 Tim. 4:16-17 NLT).

**Mamertine
Prison**

**Close
Locations!**

**Curia (Senate
"Court")**





View of the Forum from the Mamertine Prison (AD 4th cent.)

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"Peter in Prison Street"



Susan & Rick free because of Peter's & Paul's imprisonment





"Mamertine Prison of the Apostles Peter & Paul"

PRIGIONE DEI SS APOSTOLI PIETRO E PAOLO
MAMERTINUM

**"Mamertine Prison of the
Apostles Peter & Paul"**



**Mamertine Doors Depict
Peter & Paul**



CHI PASSI VENERA IN SILENZIO
CHI TERRIBILI O GLORIOSI
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Mamertine Prison Entrance

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St. Peter's prison



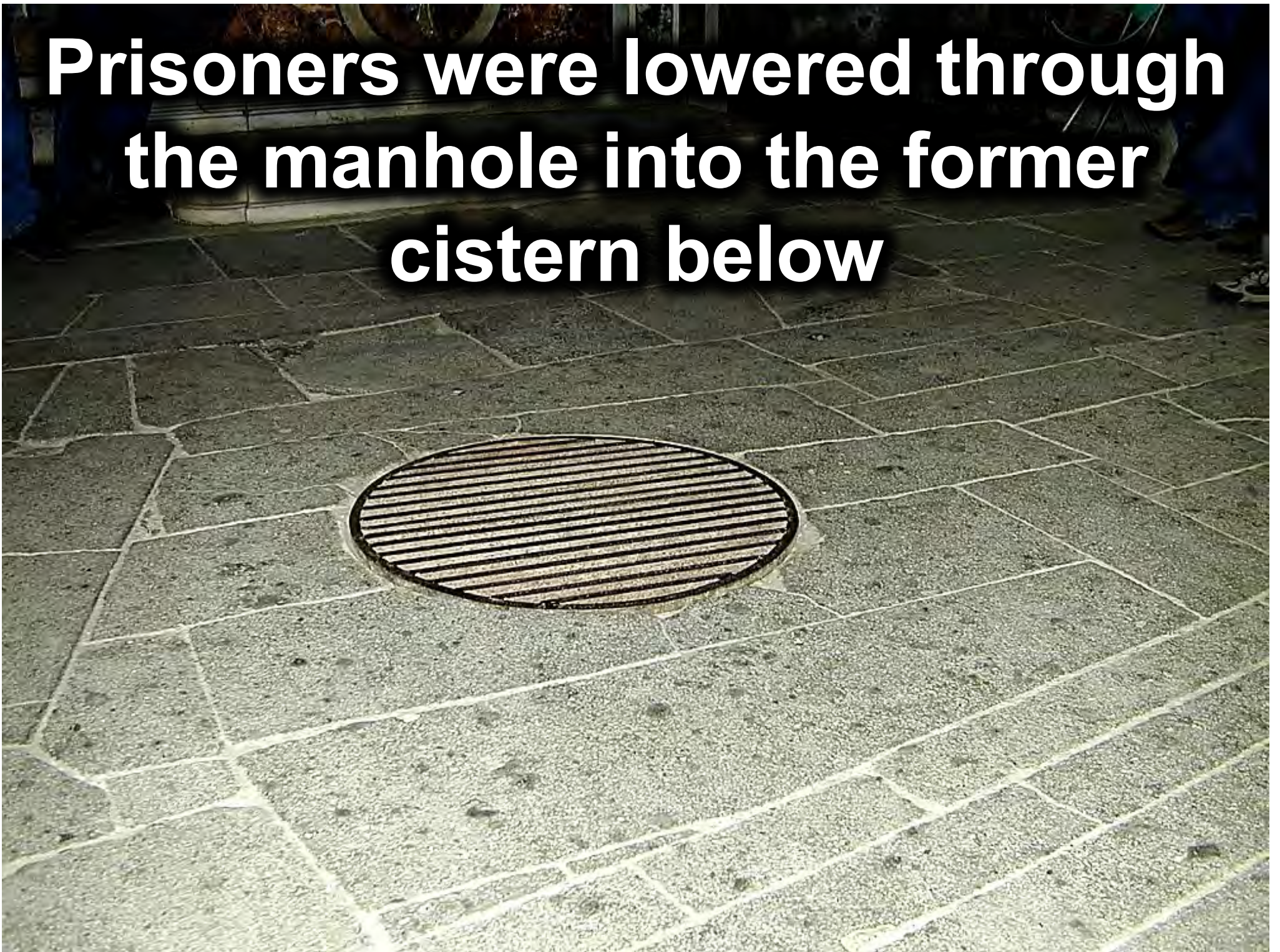
PRISON - TULLIANUM

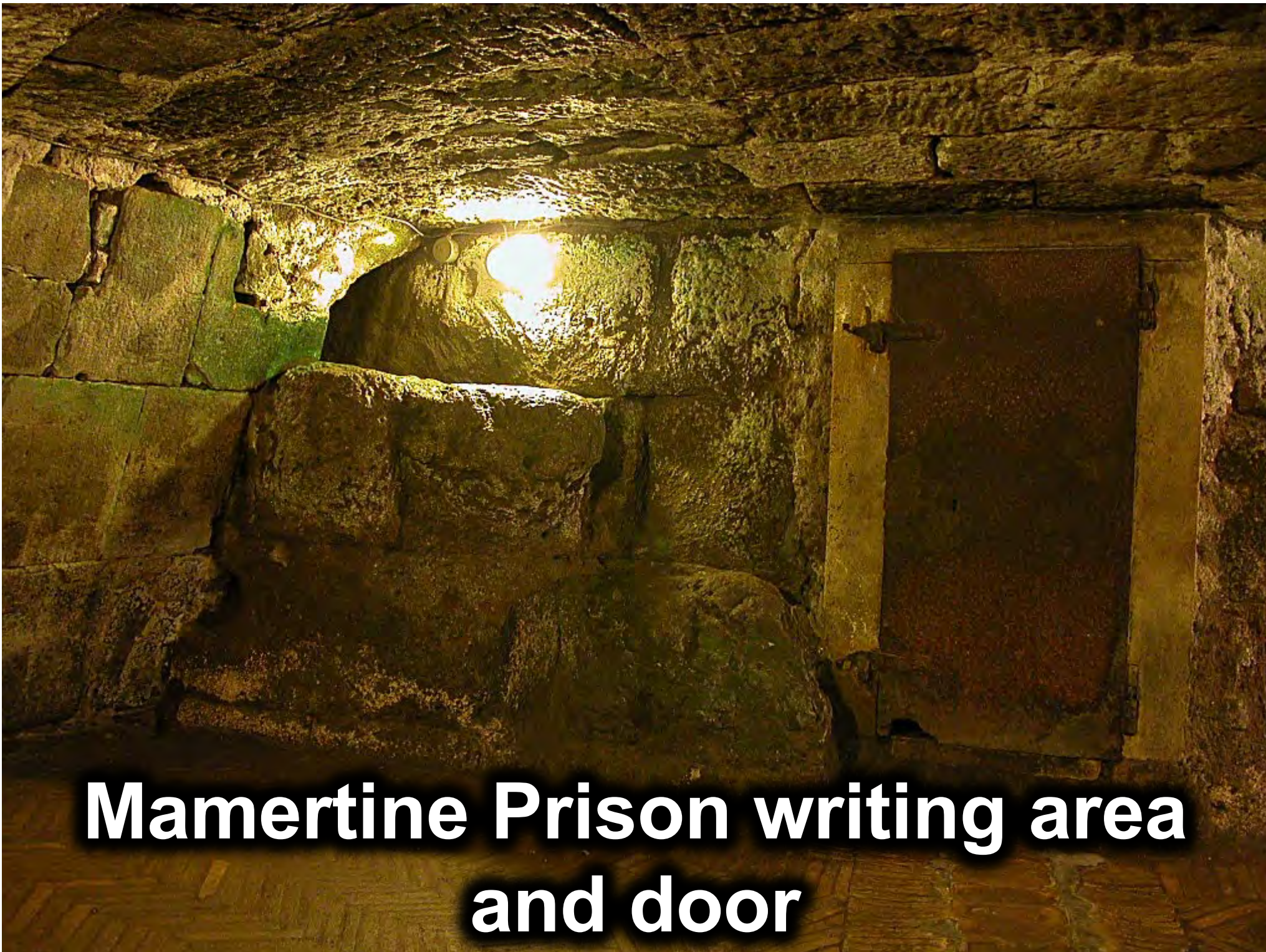
The Mamertine Tour

**The Upper
Mamertine
room busts
of Peter and
Paul**



**Prisoners were lowered through
the manhole into the former
cistern below**



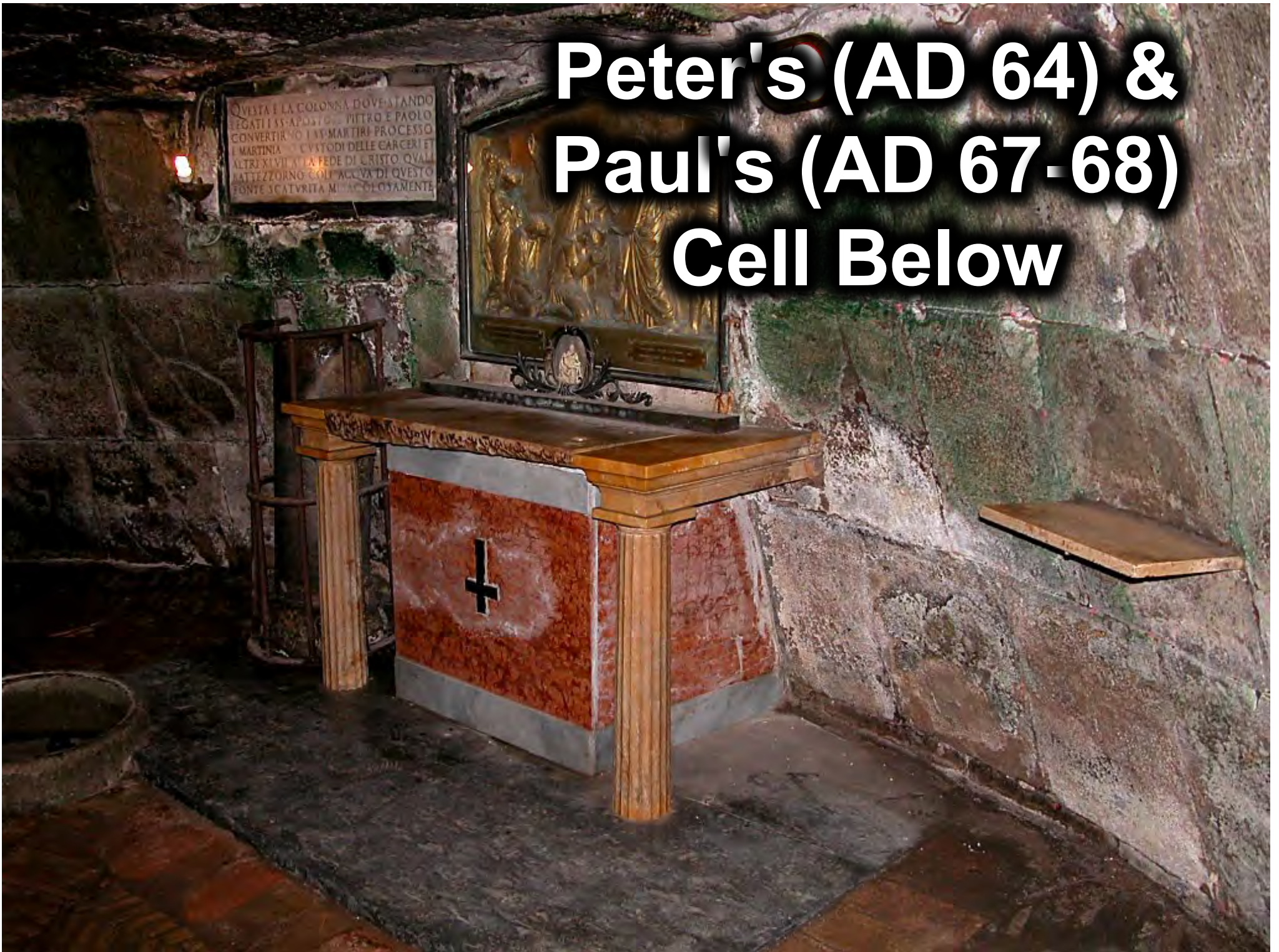


**Mamertine Prison writing area
and door**

Down the Steps



Peter's (AD 64) & Paul's (AD 67-68) Cell Below



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How can you **persevere** amidst apostasy?

2 ways...



2 Timothy

***How to hang in there:
Faithfully...***

**Obey
God's
Word**

***2 Timothy
1-2***

2 Timothy 1

Sound Doctrine Against Opposition

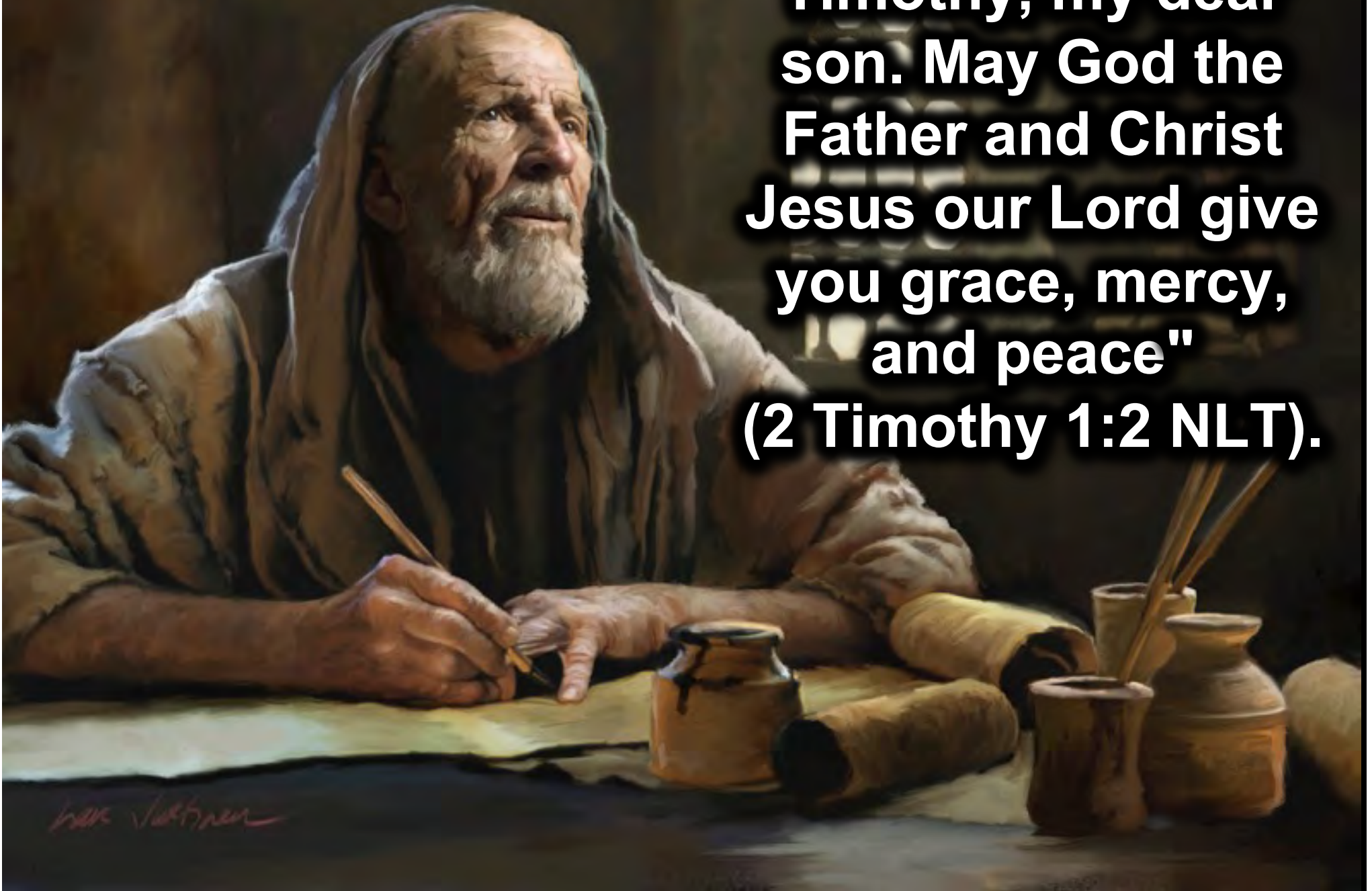
Persevere in Present Trials		Persevere in Future Trials		
Chapters 1–2		Chapters 3–4		
Examples of Faithfulness 1	Characteristics of Faithfulness 2	Problem: Apostasy 3:1-9	Solution: Preach the Word 3:10–4:5	Paul's Hope 4:6-22
Eunice Lois Paul Onesiphorus	Discipling Single-minded Obedient Hardworking Biblical Holy Gentle	Godlessness Hypocrisy	Preaching Persevering Rebuking Encouraging Evangelism	Martyrdom Betrayals Greetings Benediction
Rome to Ephesus				
Autumn AD 67 (Second Roman Imprisonment)				

Paul greeted Timothy with his own persevering attitude in the face of death (1:1-2).



**"This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus"
(2 Timothy 1:1 NLT).**

**"I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace"
(2 Timothy 1:2 NLT).**



**Timothy should imitate others'
faithfulness despite many who
fell away (1:3-18).**

He learned faithfulness from his mother and grandmother shown at his ordination (1:3-7).

2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 1: Faithfulness

Examples of Faithfulness:

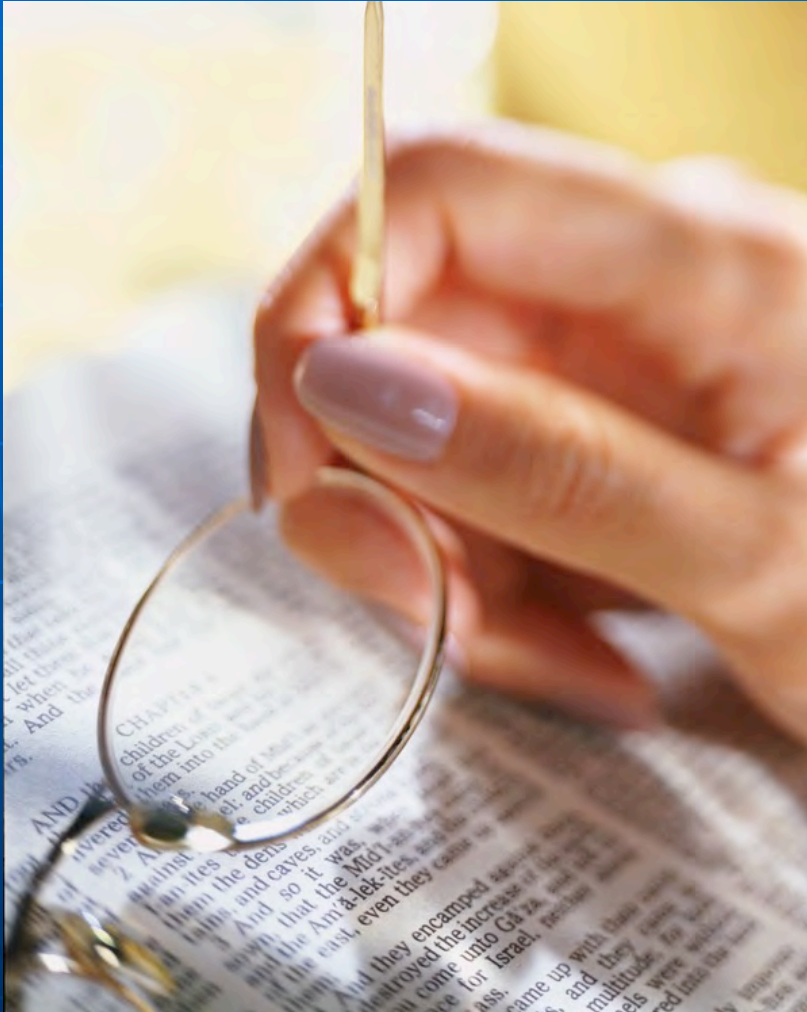
- a. Learned from mother Eunice & grandmother Lois (1:3-7)

Timothy learned in his own mixed-parentage home, with the women in his life setting the example of faithfulness in daily dealings.



2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 1: Faithfulness



**b. Learned from Paul
(1:8-14)**

Paul remained faithful in difficult times because he believed and trusted God to keep him till the end (1:11-12).

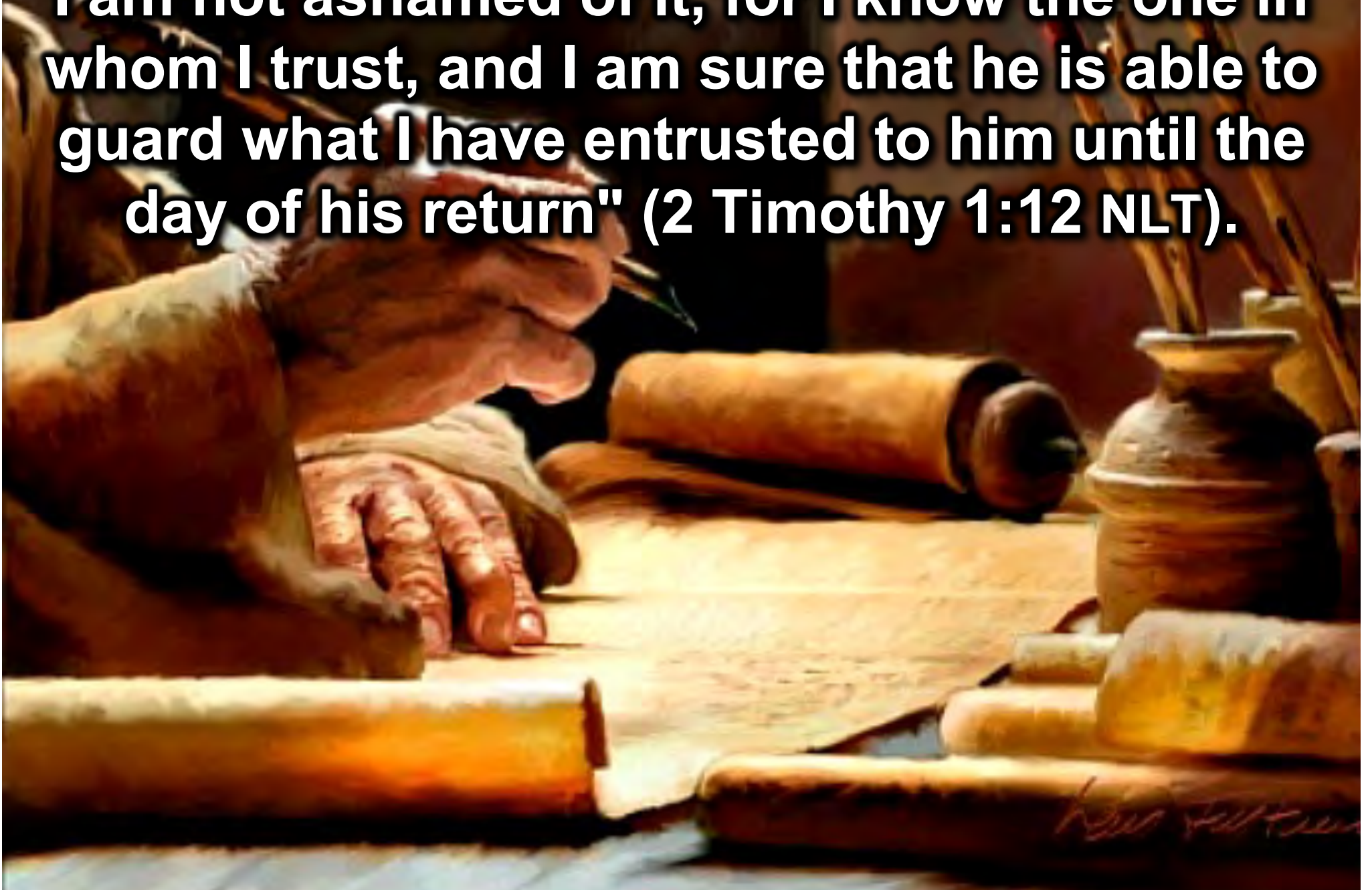
He should bravely suffer Nero's tortures like Paul through the gospel's power (1:8-14).

"So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.

⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus"
(2 Timothy 1:8-9 NLT).

**"And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. ¹¹And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News"
(2 Timothy 1:10-11 NLT).**

"That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return" (2 Timothy 1:12 NLT).



I Know Whom I Have Believed



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**I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.**



**But “I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto Him against that day.”**



**I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days,
Before His face I see.**



**But “I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto Him against that day.”**



**I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air."**



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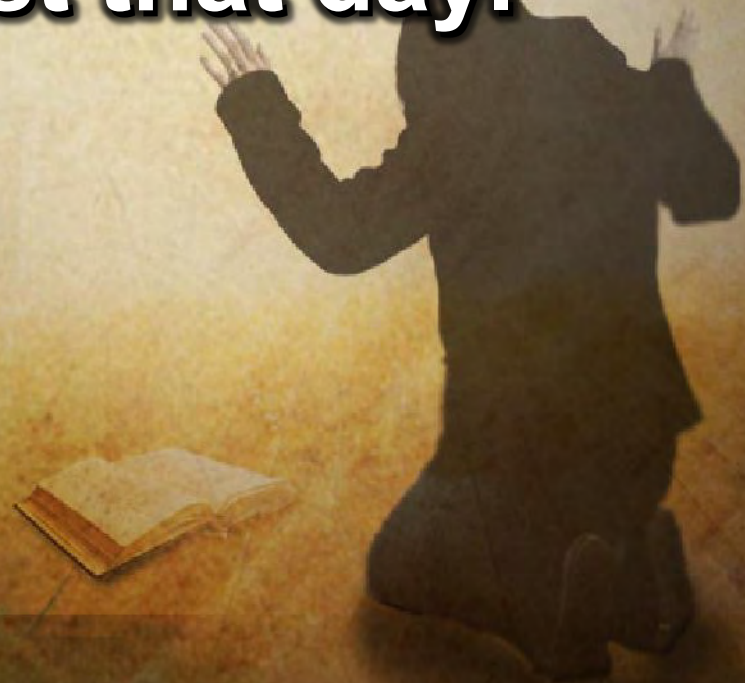
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I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

*I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me He hath made known,
Nor why unworthy, Christ in love
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Chorus:

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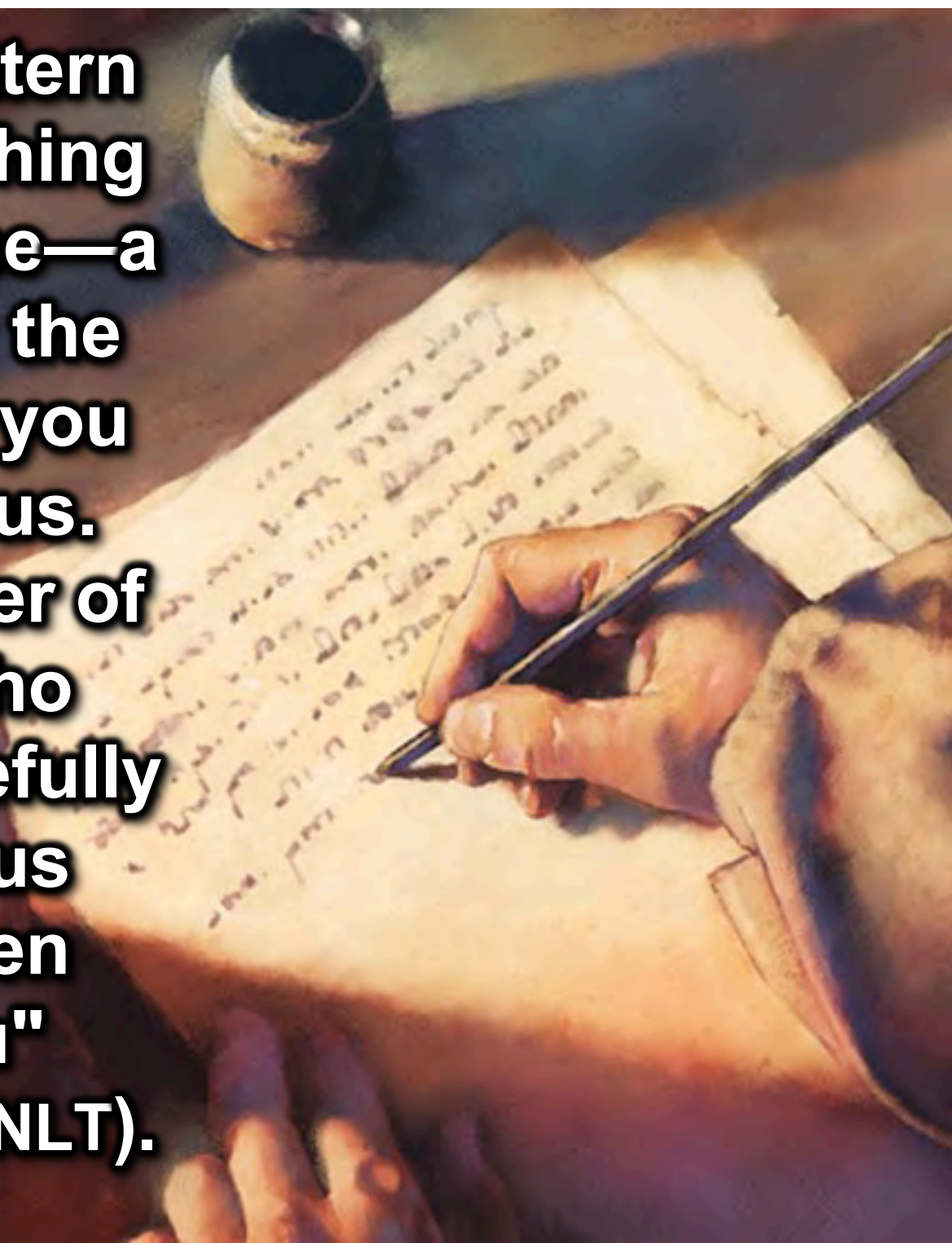
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Of weary ways or golden days
Before His face I see.*

2 Tim. 1:12



"Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus.

**¹⁴Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you"
(2 Timothy 1:13-14 NLT).**



**Asian believers deserted Jesus
but Onesiphorus set a faithful
example (1:15-18).**

Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

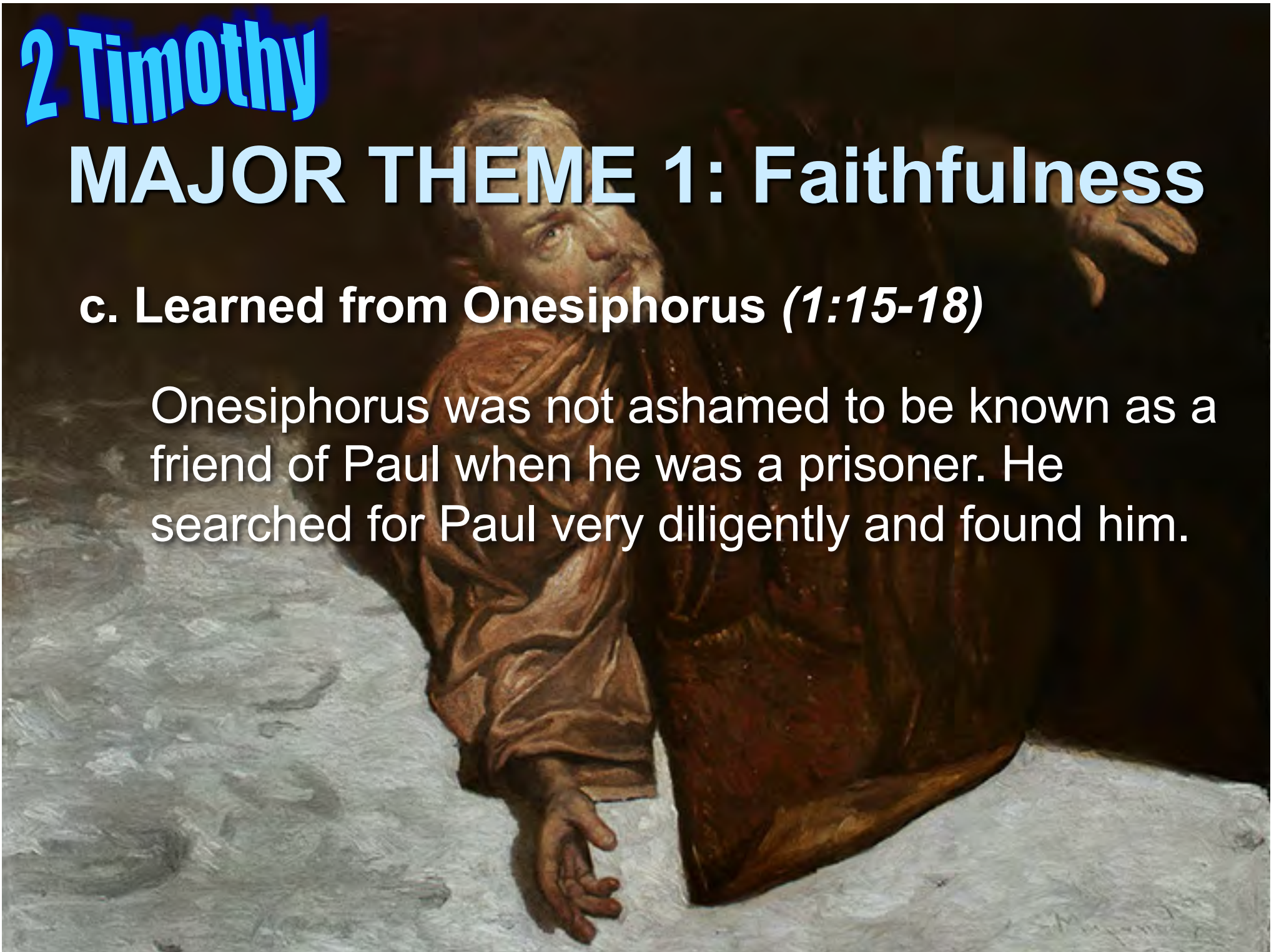
"As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes" (2 Tim. 1:15 NLT)

2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 1: Faithfulness

c. Learned from Onesiphorus (1:15-18)

Onesiphorus was not ashamed to be known as a friend of Paul when he was a prisoner. He searched for Paul very diligently and found him.



2 Timothy 2

**Knowing what faithfulness looks
like helps us persevere under
trial (2 Tim 2).**

**Like a discipling teacher, invest
in others the teaching you
received (2:1-2).**

**"Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the
grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus"
(2 Timothy 2:1 NLT).**



DISCIPLESHIP



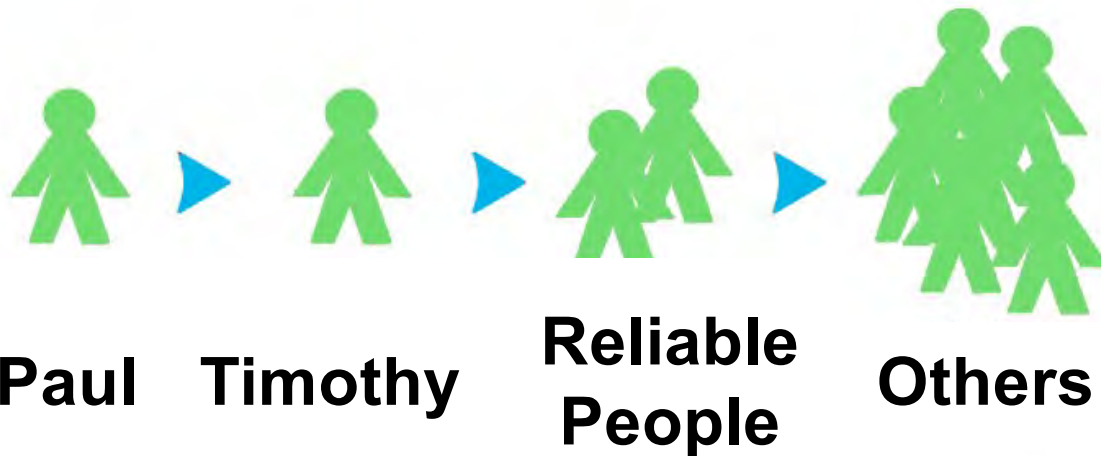
"...make disciples of all nations..." (Matt 28:19)
But how?

Multiply Yourself into Trustworthy People!

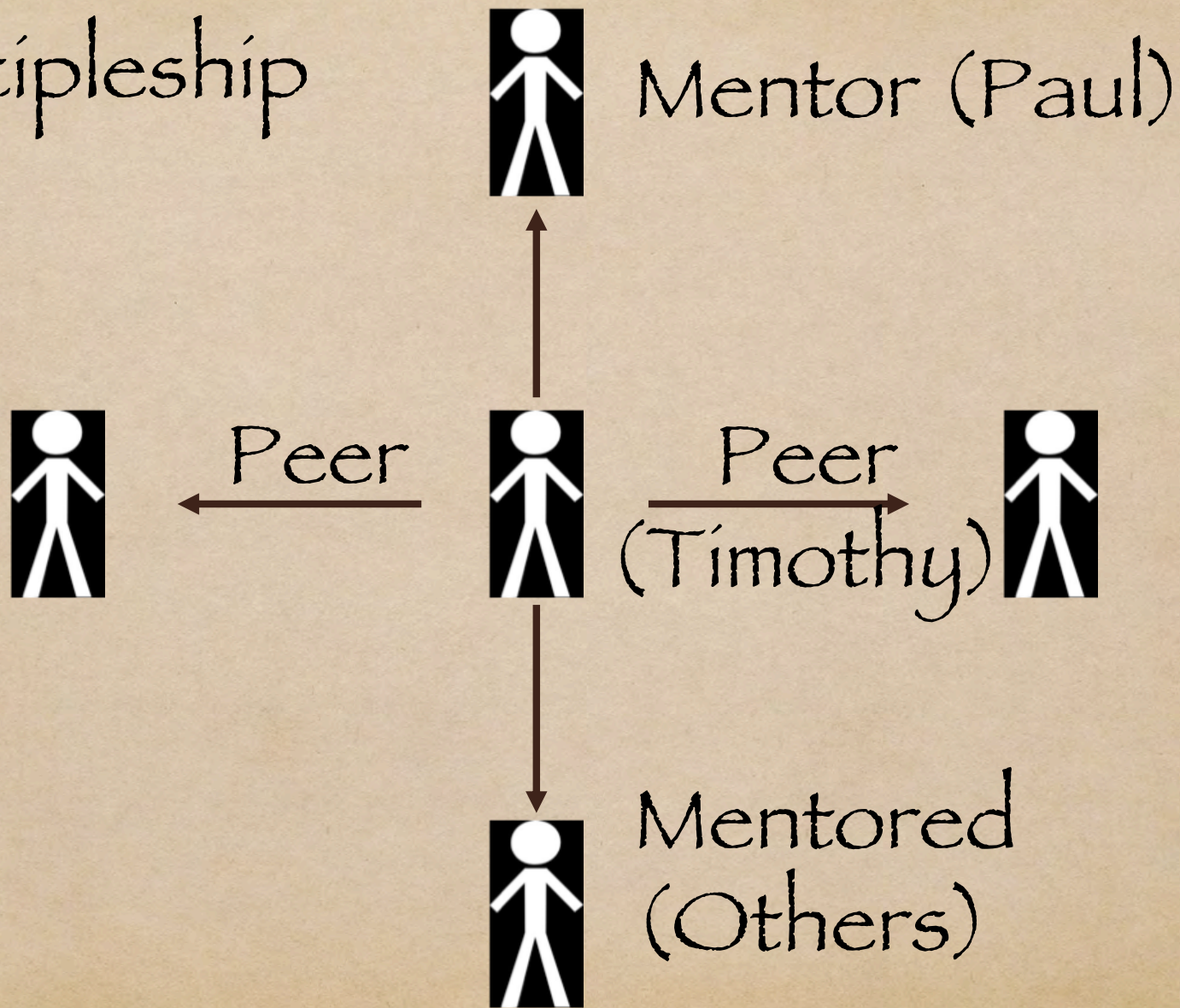
Discipleship



"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others" (2 Tim. 2:2 NLT).



Levels of Discipleship



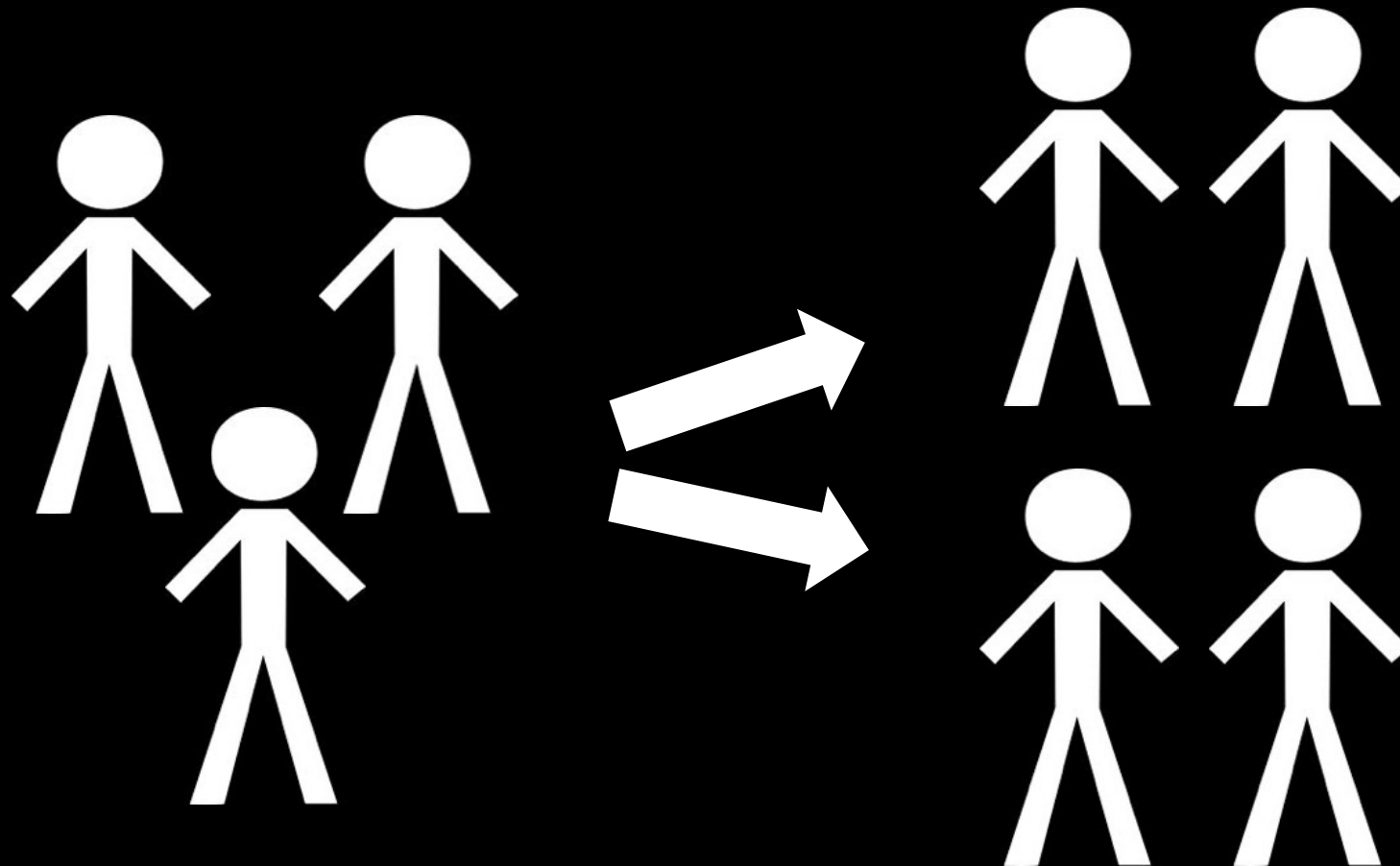
Life Transformation Groups

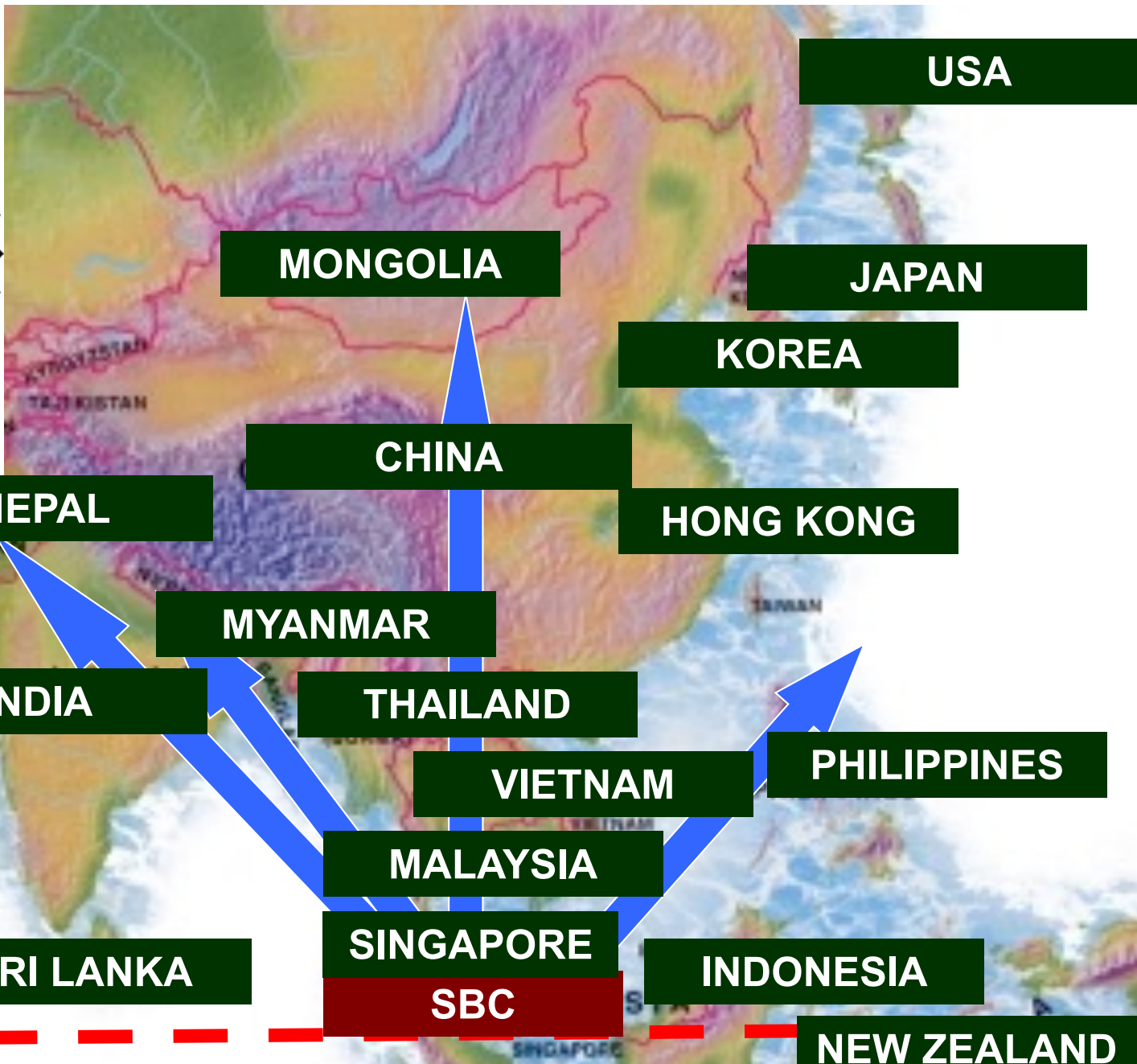


The Commitment: Meet one hour a week with 1-2 others of the same sex to provide accountability in 3 areas

1. **Confess** sin around 10 questions
2. **Read** 3 Bible chapters daily
3. **Pray** for lost friends

Life Transformation Groups





Singapore Bible College Students

**Like a good soldier, show
unswerving commitment to
please your superior, Jesus
(2:3-4).**

2 Timothy

Characteristics of Faithfulness

- **Soldier (2:3-4)** – A soldier has to **suffer hardship** disengage himself from all other worldly businesses **to be loyal** to his commander.



**"Endure suffering
along with me, as a
good soldier of Christ
Jesus. ⁴ Soldiers don't
get tied up in the
affairs of civilian life,
for then they cannot
please the officer who
enlisted them"
(2 Timothy 2:3-4 NLT).**





**Unity in
battle**

“The Turtle”



***= advancing
together***

Protecting one another





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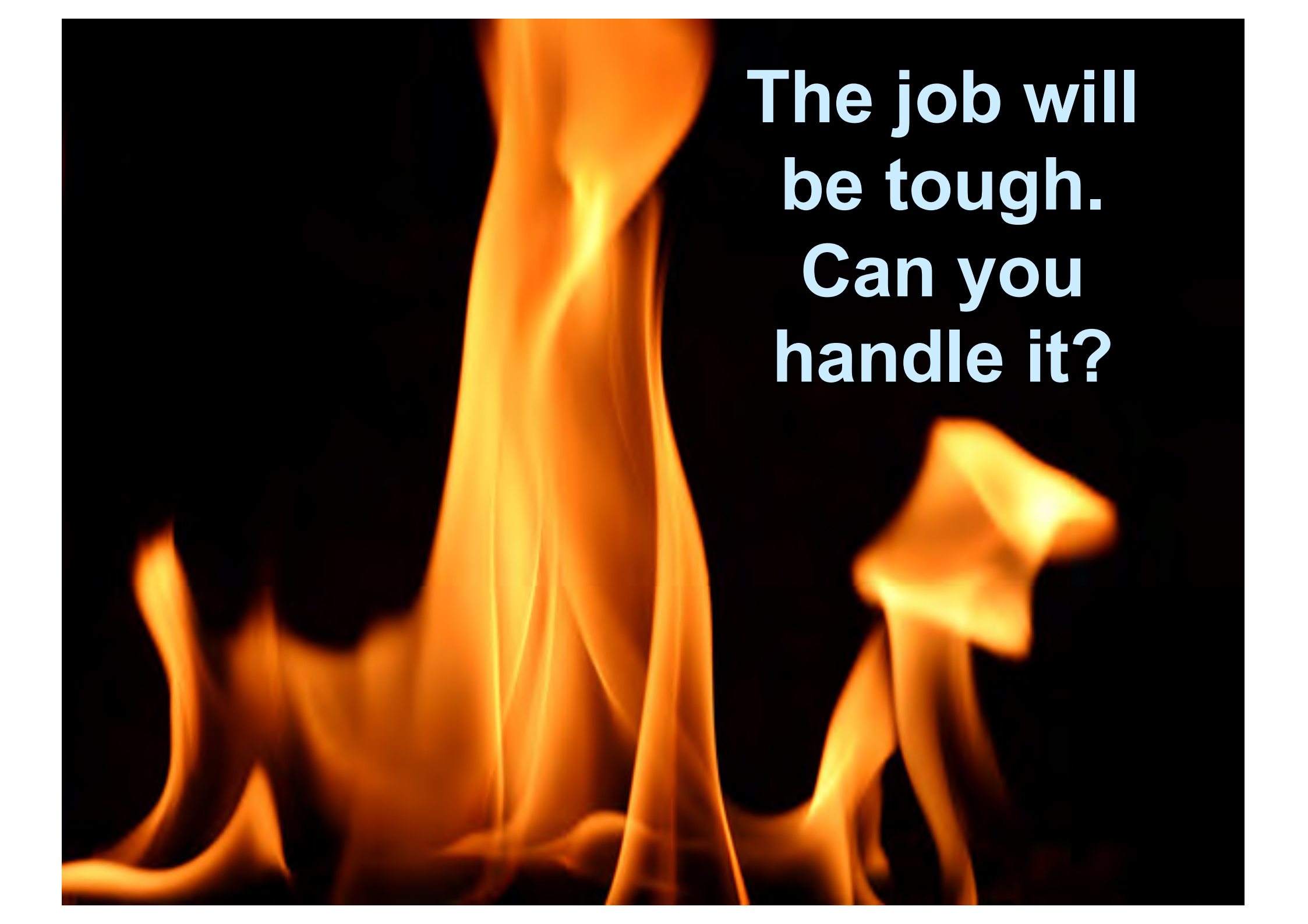


**We regret to inform you
that PM Lee Hsien Loong
has just been kidnapped
from the Istana...**





However, an elite group of commandos has been dispatched to rescue the PM.

A close-up photograph of bright orange and yellow flames against a black background. The flames are dynamic and intense, with a large, central flame on the left and a smaller, more pointed flame on the right. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**The job will
be tough.
Can you
handle it?**

**Unfortunately, one of these
commandos cannot overcome
the evil desires of youth.....**

**Another is unable to
take the heat (trials)**



**Like a successful athlete,
obey the rules in God's Word
(2:5).**

2 Timothy

Characteristics of Faithfulness

2. Athlete (2:5) – An athlete has to **follow the rules** to win the race.



Like a diligent farmer, have the joy of spiritual fruit like Jesus after he was raised (2:6-13).

2 Timothy

Characteristics of Faithfulness

3. Farmer (2:6-13) – A farmer must **work hard** to achieve a good harvest.



**Faithfulness = loyal to Christ, our commander,
to follow the law of God and work hard**

**"Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.
9And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. 10So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen"
(2 Timothy 2:8-10 NLT).**

2 Timothy 2:11–13 (NIV)

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

**If we died with him,
 we will also live with him;**

¹² if we endure,

we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us;

**¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful,
 for he cannot disown himself.**



**"If we endure hardship,
we will reign with him"**
(2 Tim. 2:12 NLT)

DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO

GOD

AS ONE APPROVED

A WORKER

WHO HAS NO NEED

TO BE ASHAMED

RIGHTLY HANDLING

THE WORD OF

TRUTH

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

**Like an unashamed workman,
fight heresy with Scripture—not
human words (2:14-19).**

1 TIMOTHY 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one

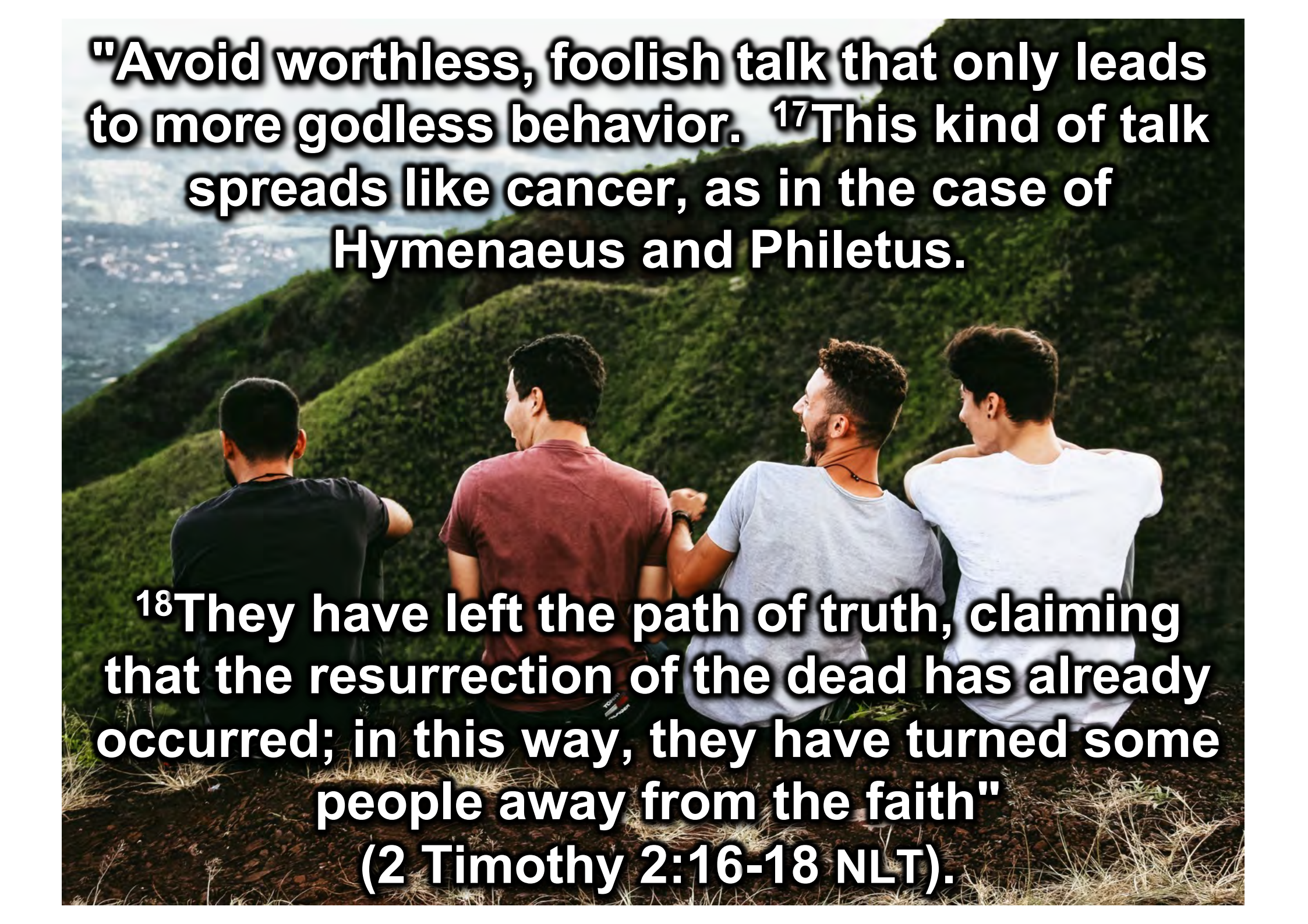
APPROVED

**a worker who has no need to be ashamed
rightly handling the word of truth.**

Protection from False Teachers (2 Tim 2:14-26)

**Protect the
Flock
(14-19)**

**Protect the
Shepherd
(20-26)**

A photograph of four men sitting on a grassy hillside, looking out over a valley. The men are seen from behind, and the landscape is lush and green. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

"Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. ¹⁷This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus.

**¹⁸They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, they have turned some people away from the faith"
(2 Timothy 2:16-18 NLT).**



But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil" (2 Timothy 2:19 NLT).

Confidence in the Day of Judgment



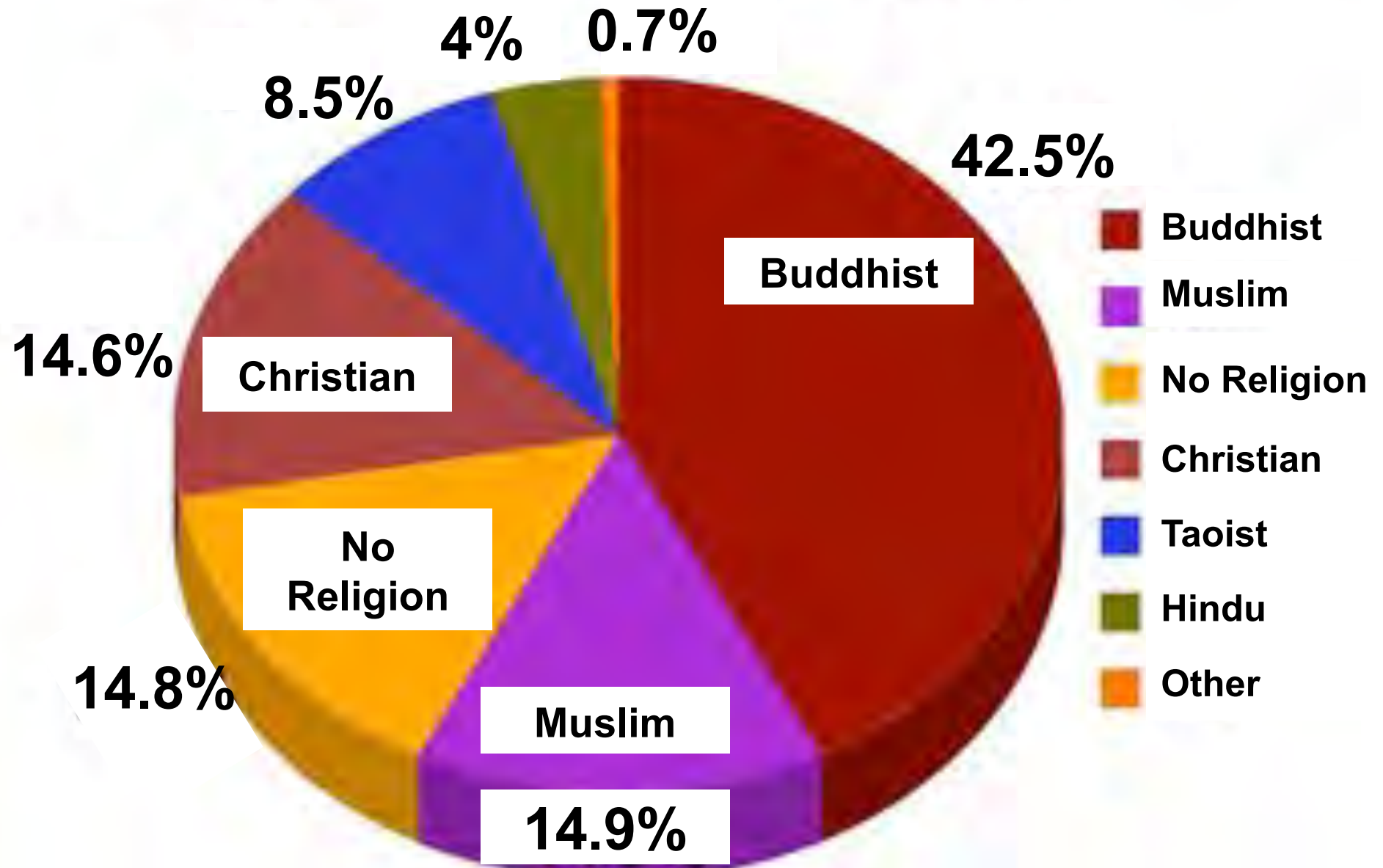
**...the firm foundation
of God stands,
having this seal,
"The Lord knows
those who are His"**

2 Timothy 2:19

**Like a noble instead of ignoble
container, be pure to avoid false
teachers (2:20-22).**

**Like a gentle servant, gently
teach false teachers instead of
arguing with them (2:23-26).**

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How can you **persevere**
amidst apostasy?

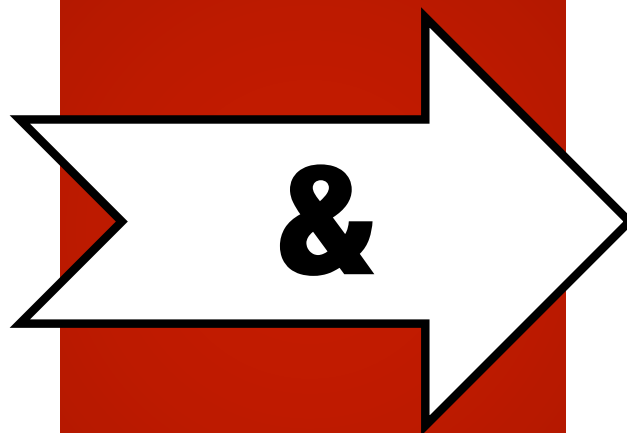


2 Timothy

How to hang in there: Faithfully...

Obey

**God's
Word**



Preach

**God's
Word**

***2 Timothy
1-2***

***2 Timothy
3-4***

2 Timothy 3

Before Jesus returns, avoid false teachers who are smooth-tongued but godless (3:1-9).



How to Deal with **Secularism**

2 Timothy 3

**Dr. Rick Griffith, Crossroads International Church
BibleStudyDownloads.org**

"There is no God."

How should you deal with ***secularism***?

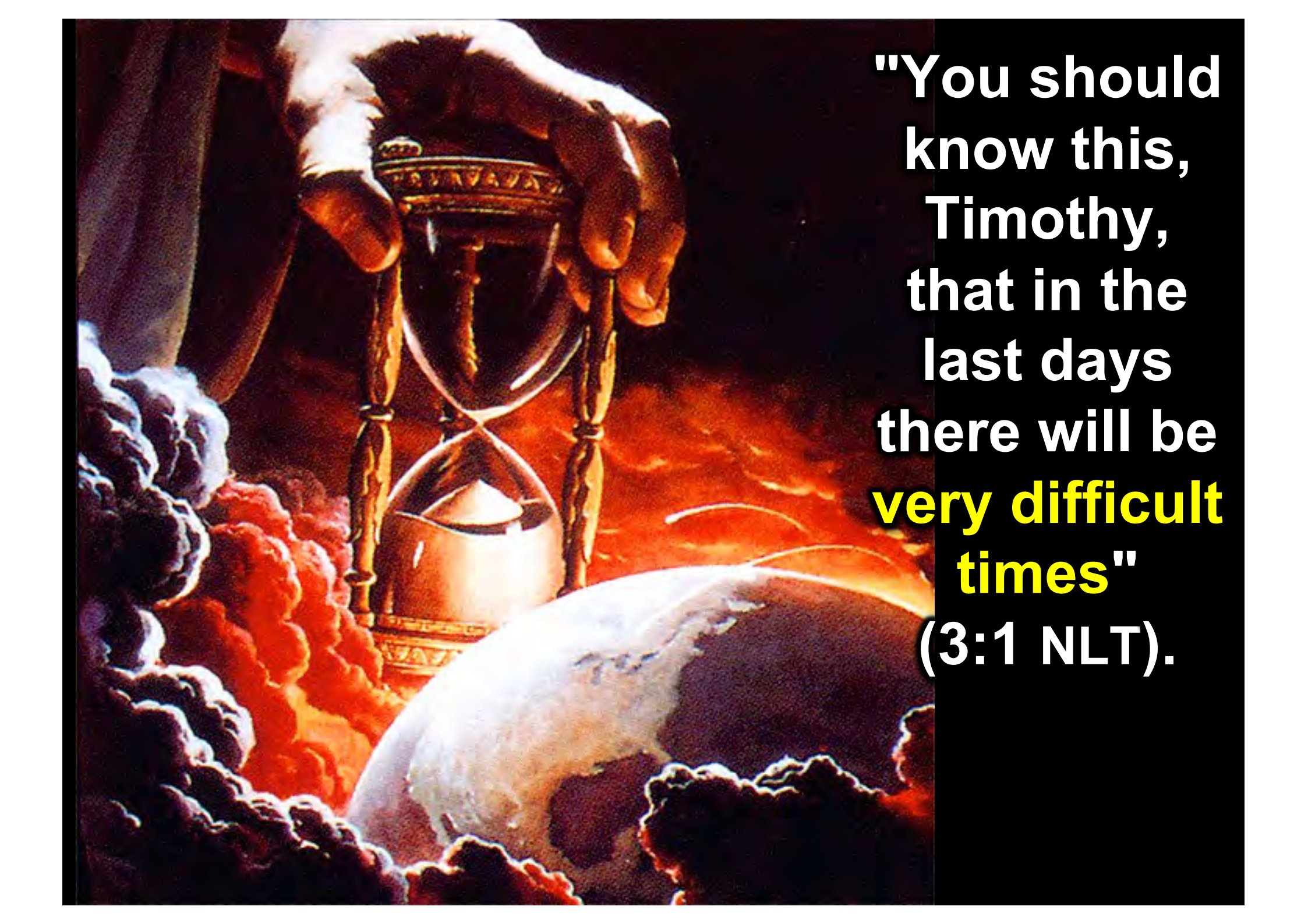
**2 Timothy 3
gives 2 ways**



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**Avoid
godless
teachers
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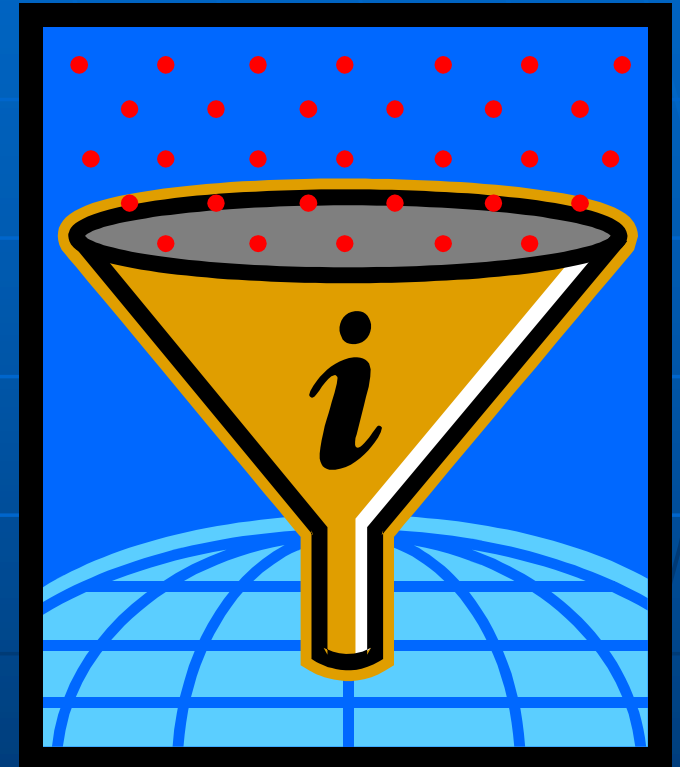
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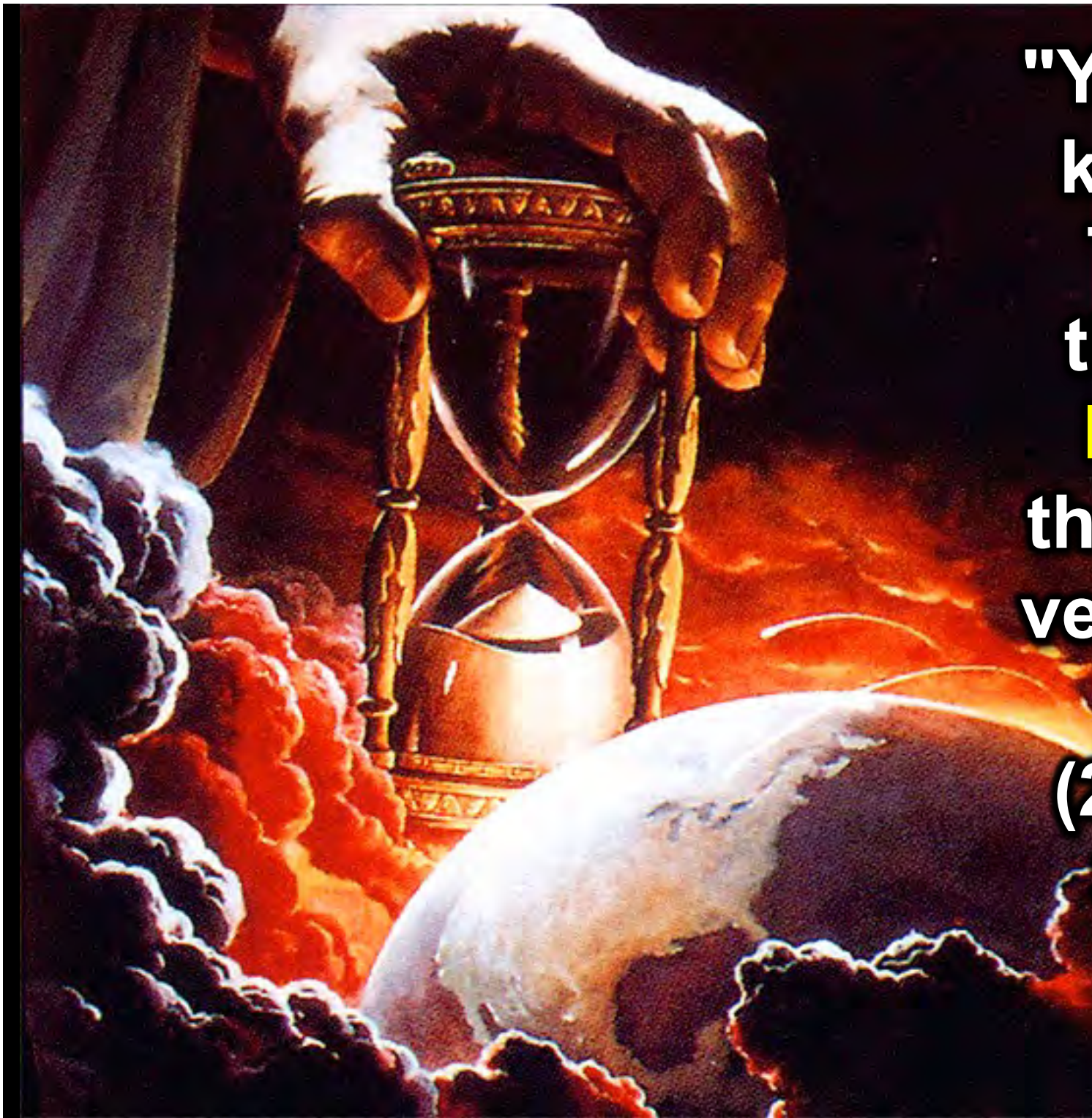
"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times" (3:1 NLT).

2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 2: Apostasy

- Paul listed 19 characteristics of the last days that show us the signs of false doctrine (3:1-5)
- Paul spoke of time when men reject sound doctrine (4:3-4)
- Paul advised Timothy to keep away from such people (3:5-8)





"You should know this, Timothy, that in **the last days there will be very difficult times"**
(2 Timothy 3:1 NLT).

**Life will be tough because the
godless deceive others (3:2-5a).**



2 Timothy

19 Traits of Apostates (3:1-5)

lovers of themselves

lovers of money

boastful

proud

abusive

disobedient to their parents

ungrateful

unholy

without love

lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

having a form of godliness but denying its power



unforgiving

slanderos

without self-control

brutal

not lovers of the good

treacherous

rash

conceited



DANGER

What should we do?

**"Avoid such men as these"
(2 Timothy 3:5b NAU).**

**"Stay away from people like that!"
(2 Timothy 3:5b NLT).**



Avoid godless leaders

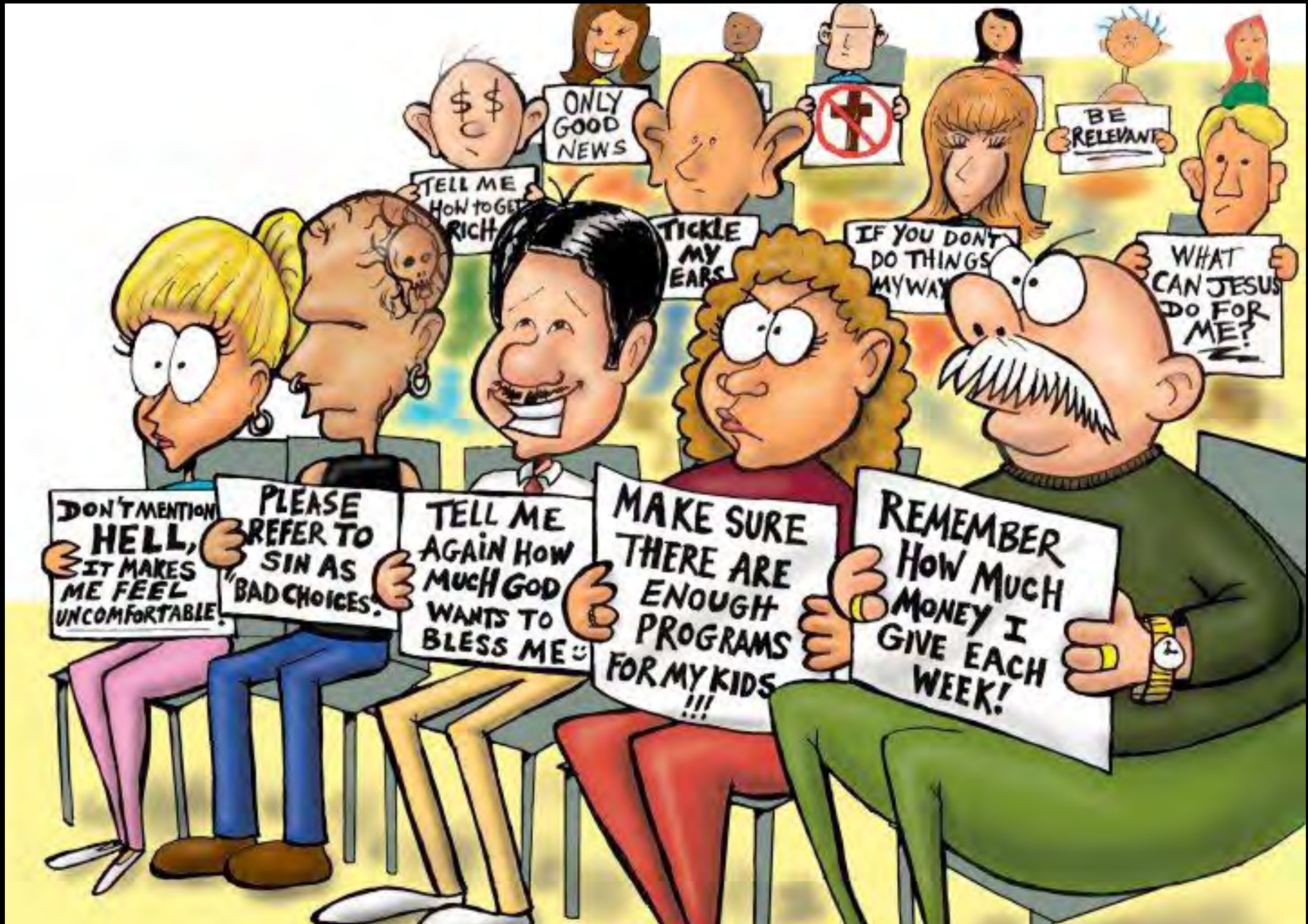


Avoid godless leaders

"They are the kind who work [lit. *creep*] their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. ⁷(Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.)" (2 Timothy 3:6-7 NLT).



People-Pleasing Preaching



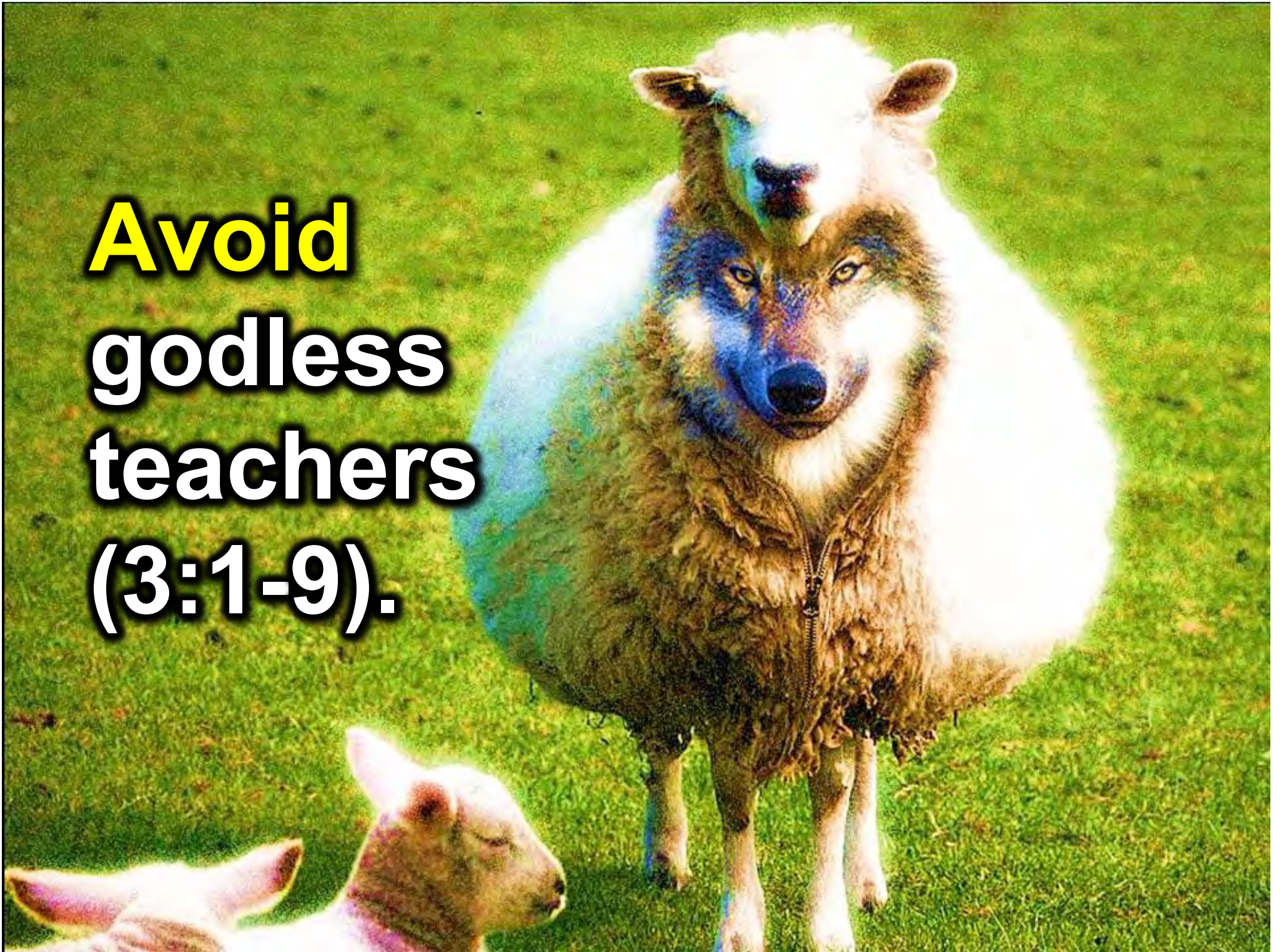


"These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. ⁹But they won't get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres" (3:8-9 NLT).



Our values are revealed by what we consider trash. God desires for us today to invest our energies in efforts that will last.

**Avoid
godless
teachers
(3:1-9).**



Accept and preach the Word of God as well as fulfill all ministry duties (3:10–4:5).

Accept truth (3:10-17).



2 Tim 3:10-17 (NIV)

**¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,
¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.**

2 Tim 3:10-17 (NIV)

¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim 3:10-17 (NIV)

**¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,
¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**

2 Tim 3:10-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

a. Follow God's **servants** (3:10-13)



"But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. ¹¹You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it" (2 Timothy 3:10-11 NLT).



**Expect to suffer for godliness
like Paul did (2 Timothy 3:12).**



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2 Timothy 3:12-17

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2 Timothy 3:12-17

"Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived" (2 Timothy 3:12-13 NLT).



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Persecution of Children

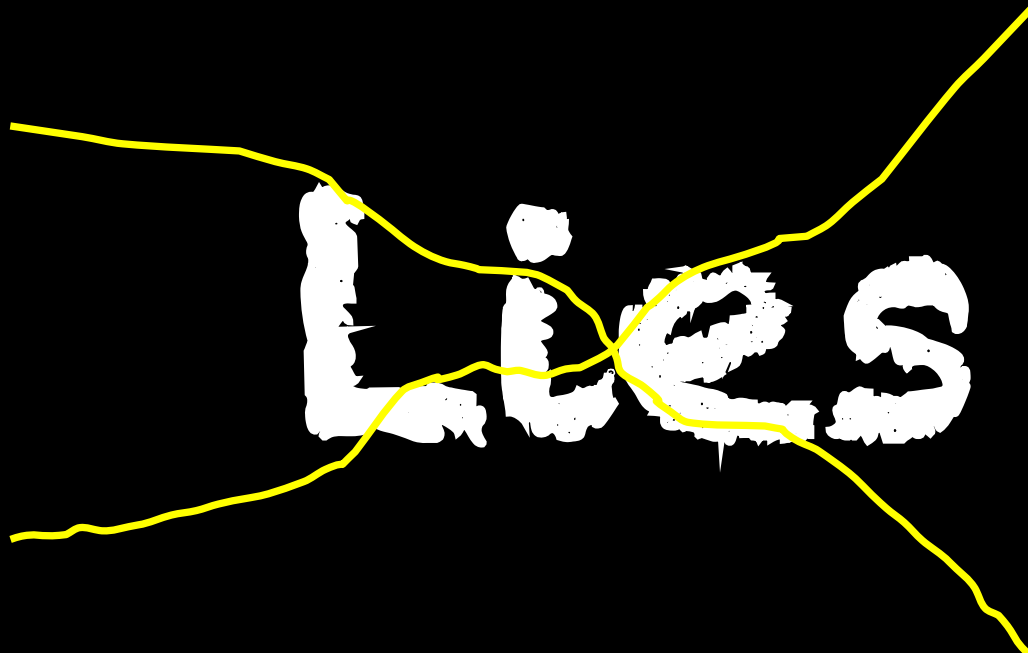
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**How can we accept truth
instead of lies?**

Truth

Lies



a. Follow God's **servants** (3:10-13)



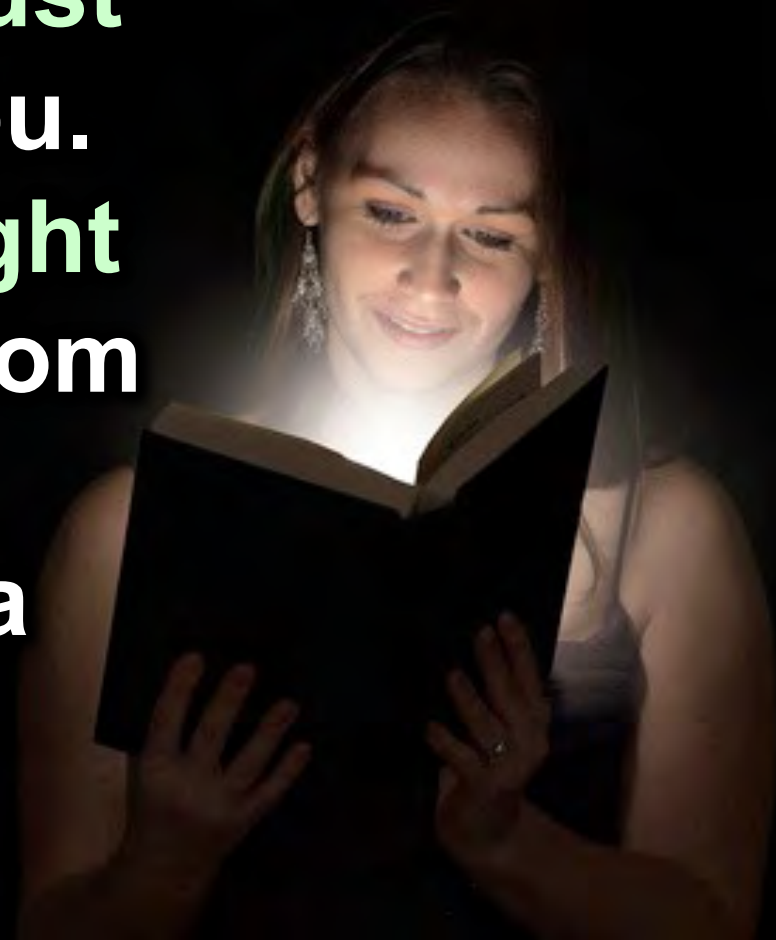
b. Follow God's **Word** (3:14-17)



"But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

¹⁵You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood..."

(2 Timothy 3:14-15a NLT).



Blessings of God's Word (3:15b-17)



"and [the Scriptures] have given you the **wisdom** to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus"
(2 Timothy 3:15b NLT).



**"All Scripture is inspired by God..."
(2 Timothy 3:16a NLT).**



**"All Scripture is God-breathed..."
(2 Timothy 3:16a NIV).**

**"All Scripture is God-breathed..."
(2 Timothy 3:16a NIV).**



WHY IS GOD'S WORD SO VITAL?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Four Results of God's Word

Rebuking

Teaching

Training
(in Righteousness)

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 3: Bible

Paul's View of Scripture

a. **God-Inspired/breathed** (3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

b. **Useful** (3:17)

- Teaching
- Rebuking
- Correcting
- Training in righteousness



The purpose is to equip us to be "complete, capable, proficient... to meet all demands" against false teachings and to do good works

How to Be Secular



"All religions are the same."



"All religions are the same."



"There is no God."

How should you deal with *secularism*?



Replace **lies** with **truth**.

Main Idea



**Avoid
godless
teachers
(3:1-9).**



Accept truth (3:10-17).





2 Timothy

MAJOR THEME 2: Apostasy

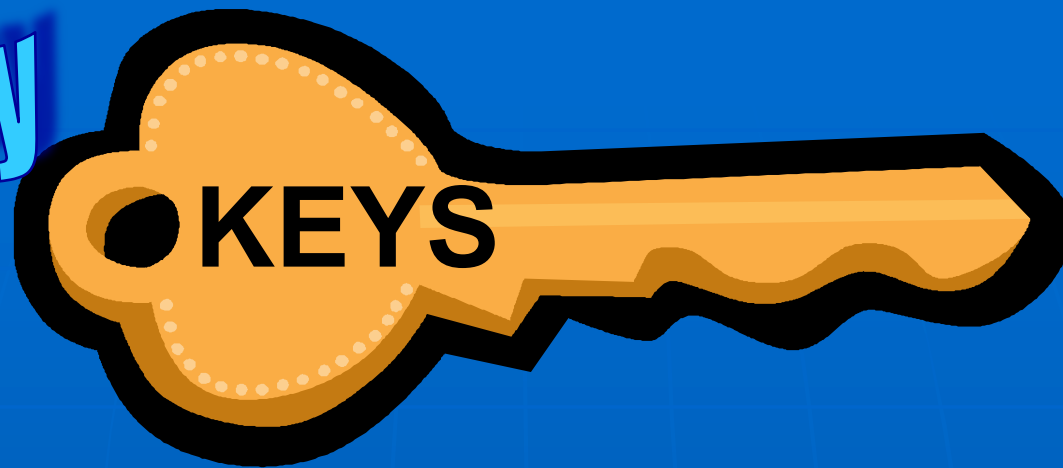
Do you have such people in your church?

The ears desire what gratifies the taste of a carnal, self-willed heart. The carnal heart prefers senseless myths rather than solid truth.



I. Paul encourages Timothy to persevere in present hardships and illustrates the characteristics he should exemplify to combat false teaching and apostasy (2 Tim 1–2) .

II. Paul exhorts Timothy to persevere in future tribulation and furnishes his own positive attitude towards death to encourage Timothy to faithfully preach the Word despite increased apostasy in teaching and practice (2 Tim 3–4) .



Key Word: DOCTRINE

Key Verse:

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work....

Preach the Word.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 & 4:2

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Preach the Word

HARDSHIP

faithfully practice

HARDSHIP

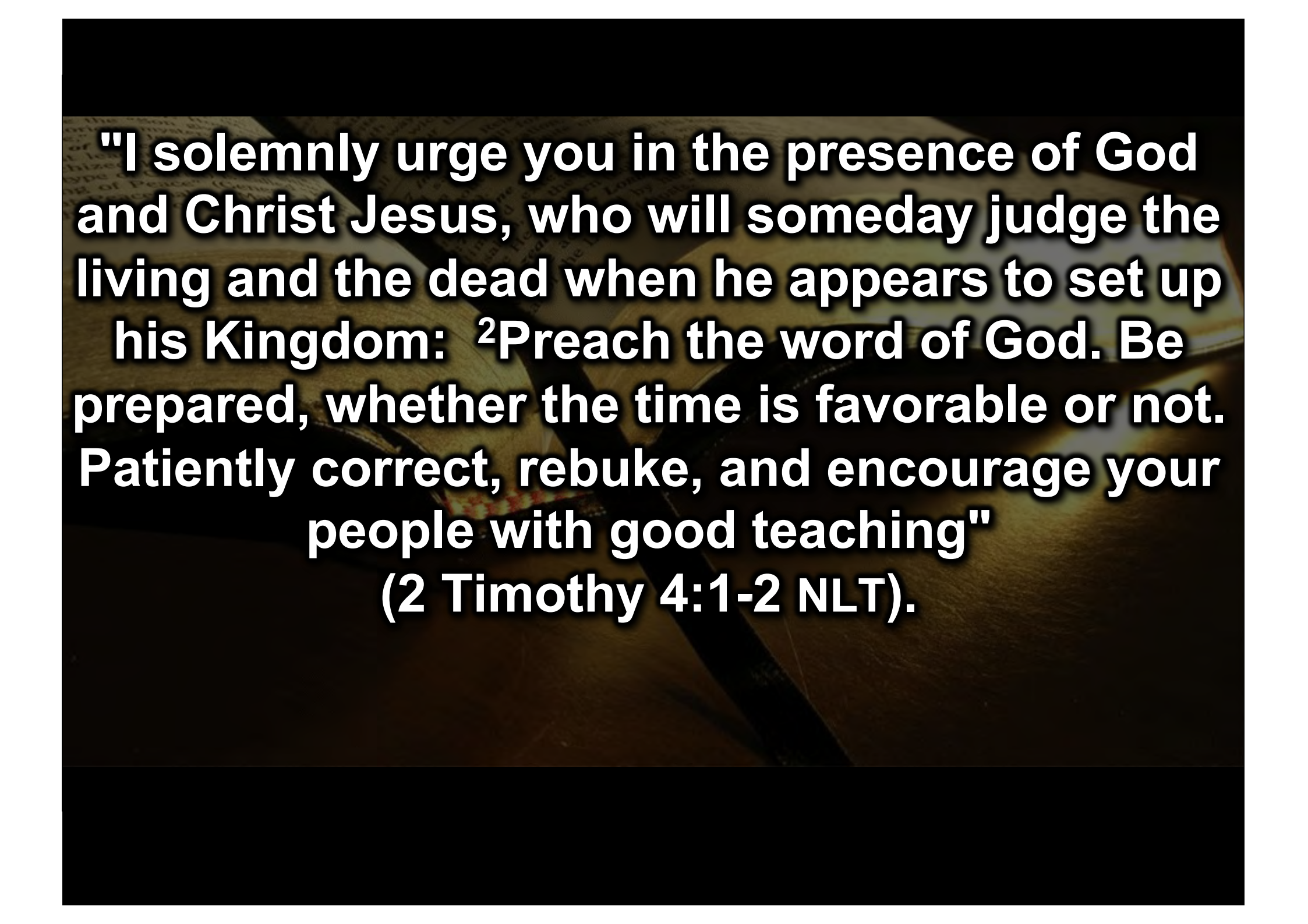
2 Timothy

APPLICATIONS

- 1. Are you an Onesiphorus, upholding Christian confession in time of trial and persecution? What characteristics of faithfulness do you possess—soldier's loyalty, athlete's obedience, farmer's hard work?**
- 2. Are there apostates in your ministry? What can you do to survive?**
- 3. Reflect on what kind of testimony you would write at the end of your life. What are your words of encouragement and challenge for the next generation?**

2 Timothy 4

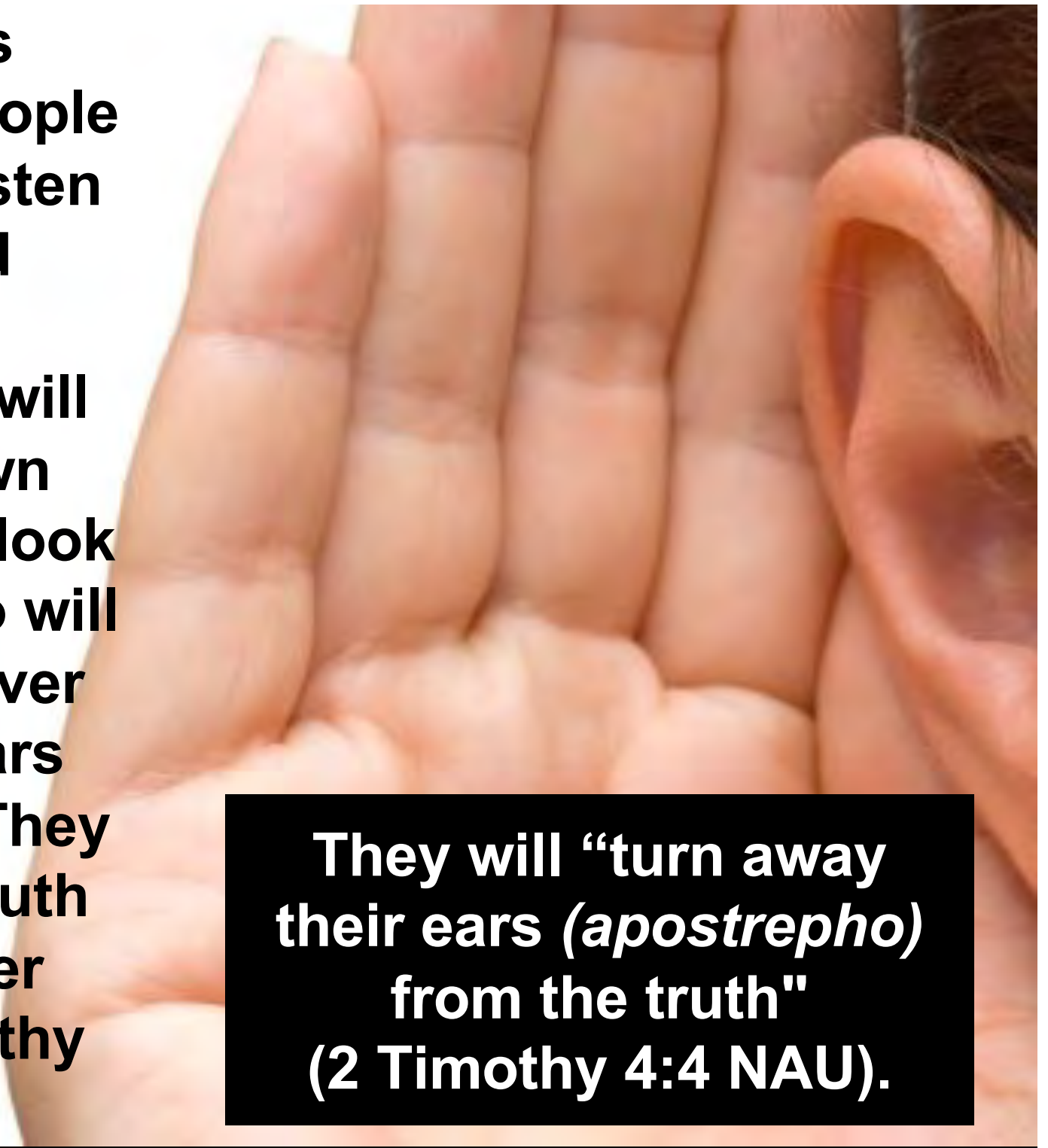
**Preach and live the truth by
hardship, rebuking, encouraging,
and evangelizing (4:1-5).**

An open book is shown in the background, with its pages slightly aged and yellowed. The text is overlaid on the book in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. The text is centered and reads: "I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: 2Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching" (2 Timothy 4:1-2 NLT).

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"But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you" (2 Timothy 4:5 NLT).

**Hope in God until death despite
betrayals by friends (4:6-18).**

Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

**"As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful"
(2 Tim. 4:6-7 NLT)**





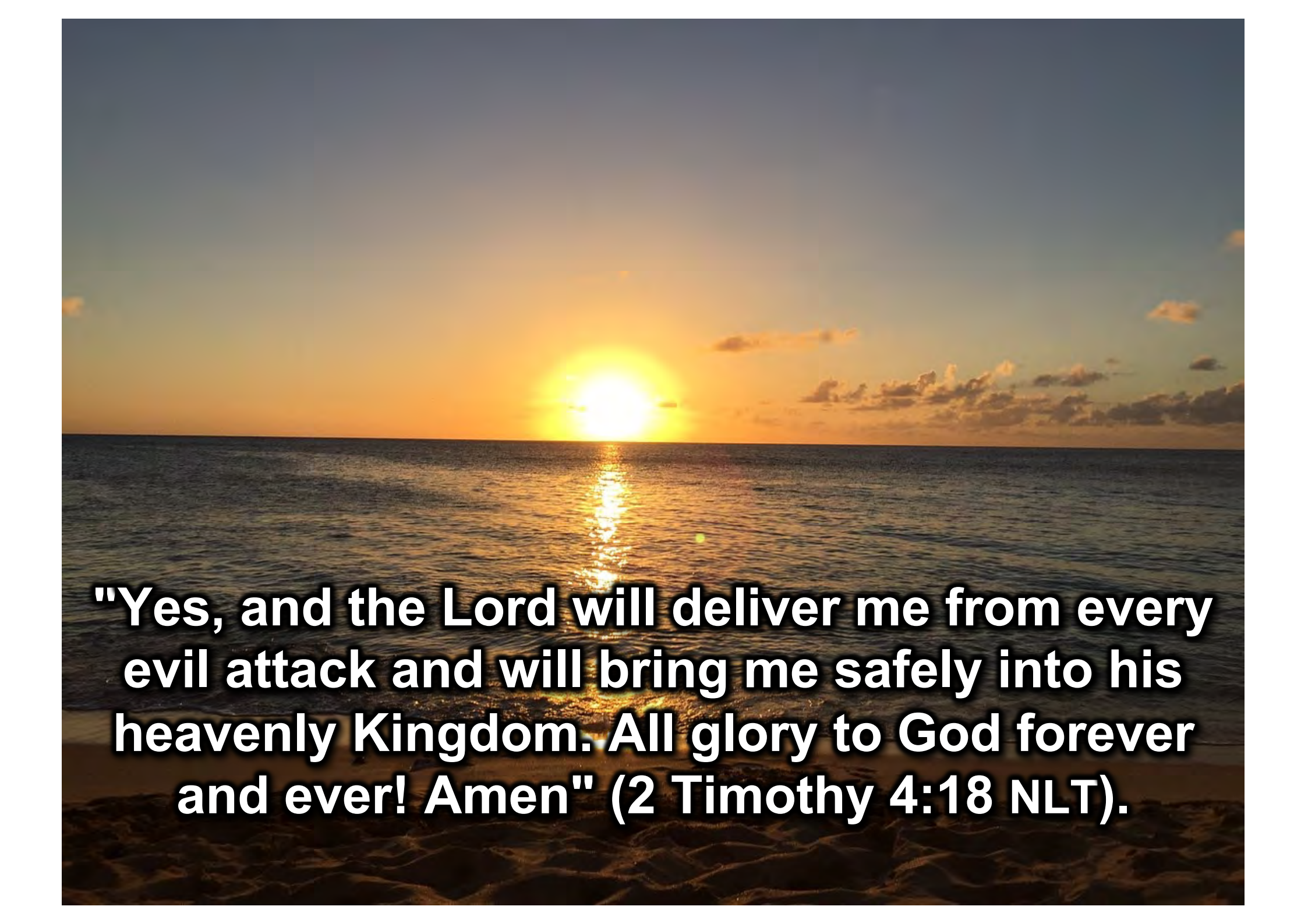
"And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8 NLT).

Friends of Paul's Second Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

"~~T~~ **Timothy**, please come as soon as you can.
¹⁰~~D~~ **Dimitrios** has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. ~~C~~ **Crescens** has gone to Galatia, and ~~T~~ **Titus** has gone to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only **Luke** is with me. Bring ~~M~~ **Mark** with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. ¹²I sent ~~T~~ **Tychicus** to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with ~~C~~ **Caius** at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers. ¹⁴~~A~~ **Alexander** the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. ¹⁵Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said" (2 Tim. 4:9-15 NLT).



"The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death" (2 Tim. 4:16-17 NLT).

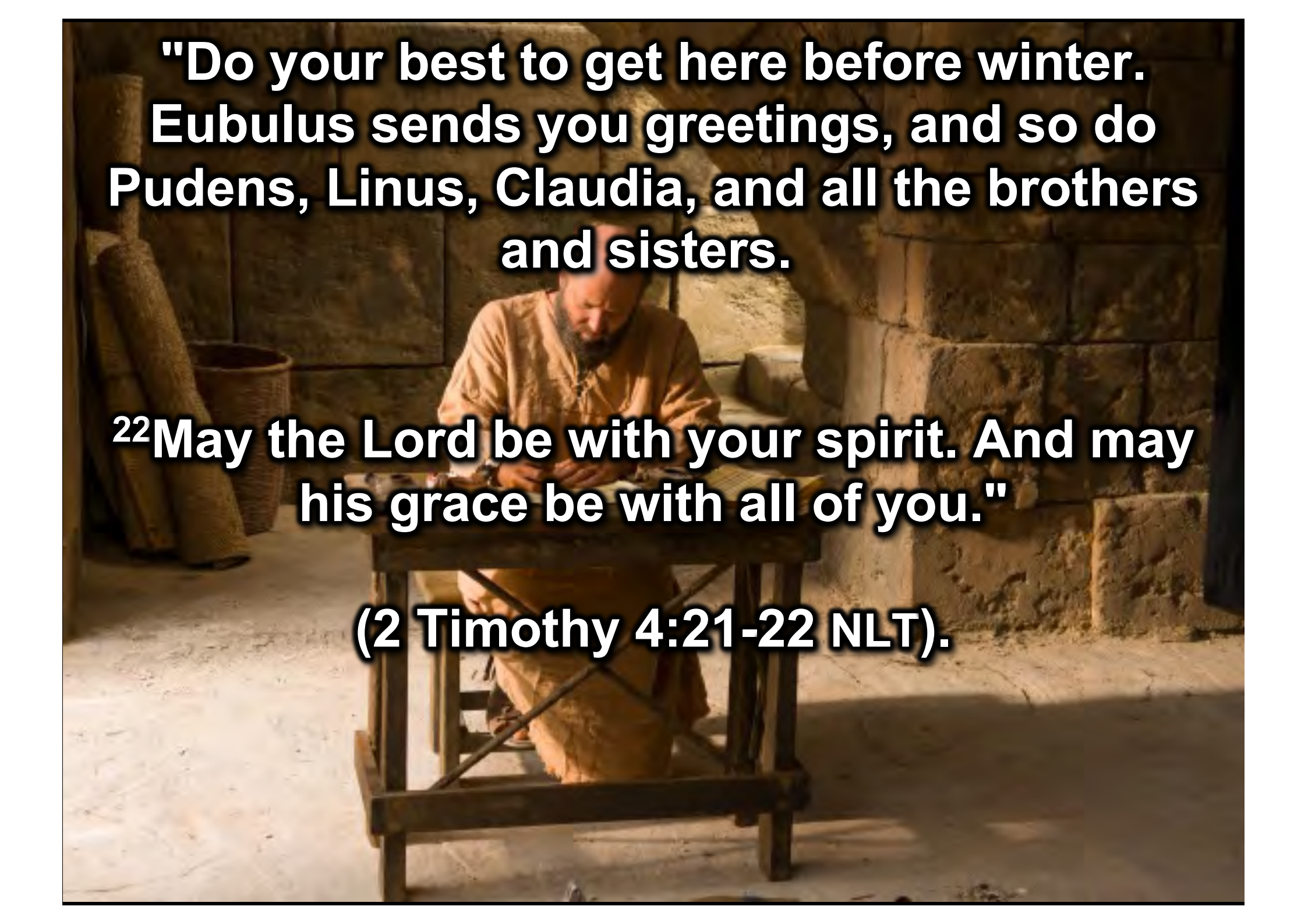


"Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen" (2 Timothy 4:18 NLT).

**Do not be conquered by death,
but victorious in it and relational
through every trial (4:19-22).**

"Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila and those living in the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus stayed at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus" (2 Timothy 4:19-20 NLT).



A man with a beard, wearing a brown robe, is seated at a wooden desk in a stone-walled room. He is looking down, writing on a scroll. The room has a rustic, ancient feel with stone walls and a wooden floor. A large scroll is leaning against the wall to the left.

**"Do your best to get here before winter.
Eubulus sends you greetings, and so do
Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers
and sisters.**

**²²May the Lord be with your spirit. And may
his grace be with all of you."**

(2 Timothy 4:21-22 NLT).

It Will Be Worth It All

*Of-times the day seems long, our trials hard to bear,
We're tempted to complain, to murmur and despair;
But Christ will soon appear to catch His Bride away,
All tears forever over in God's eternal day.*

Chorus:

*It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,
Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ;
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase,
So bravely run the race till we see Christ.*

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***Some times the sky looks dark with not a ray of light,
We're tossed and driven on, no human help in sight;
But there is one in heav'n who knows our deepest care,
Let Jesus solve your problem just go to Him in prayer***

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amidst apostasy?



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Main Idea

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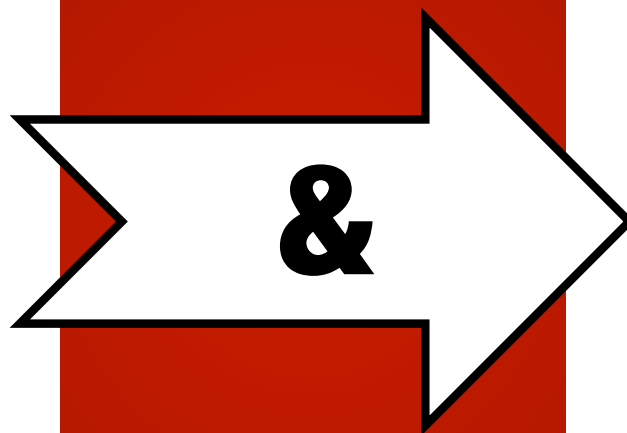


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How to hang in there: Faithfully...

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Are you spiritually tired?



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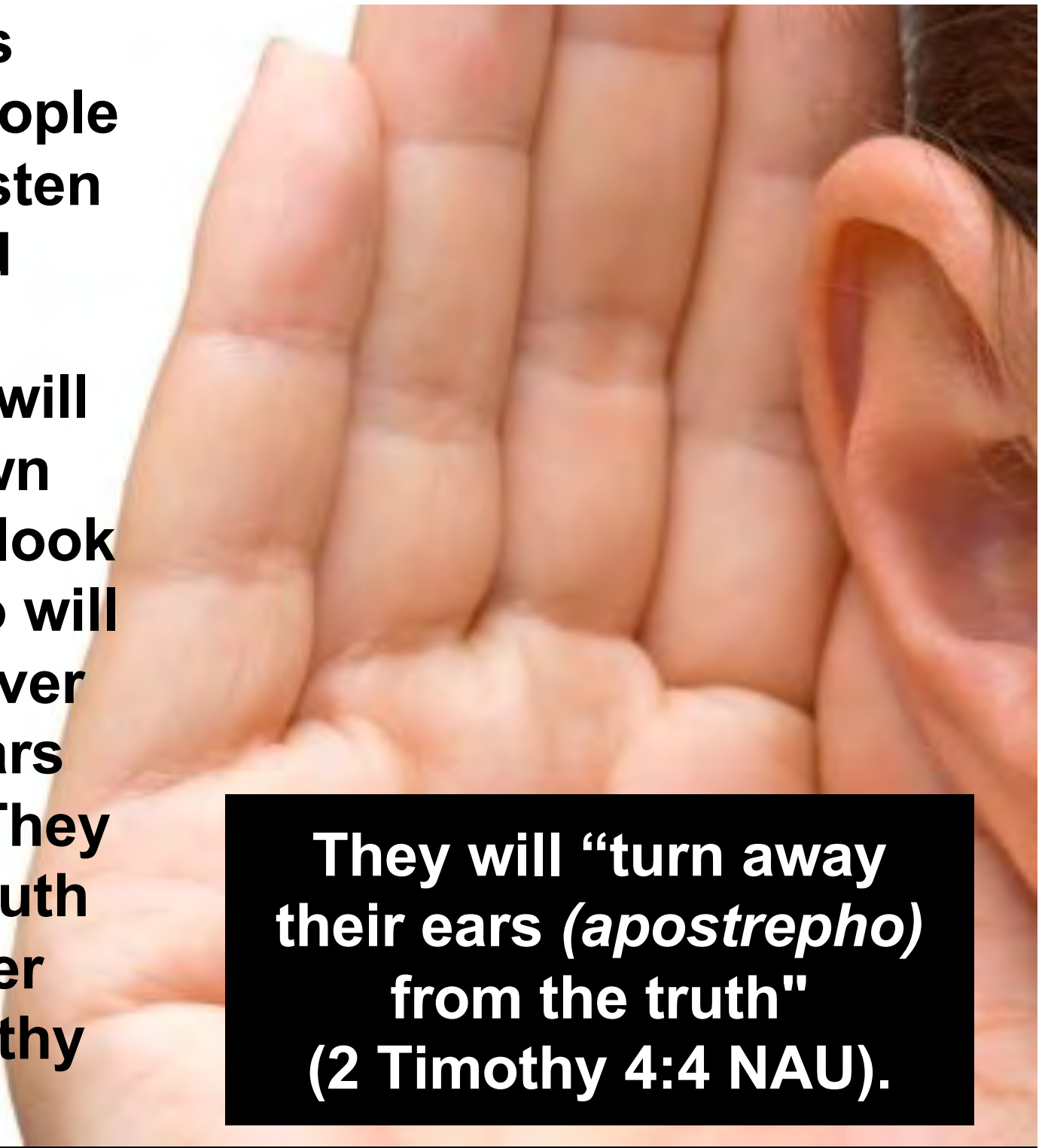
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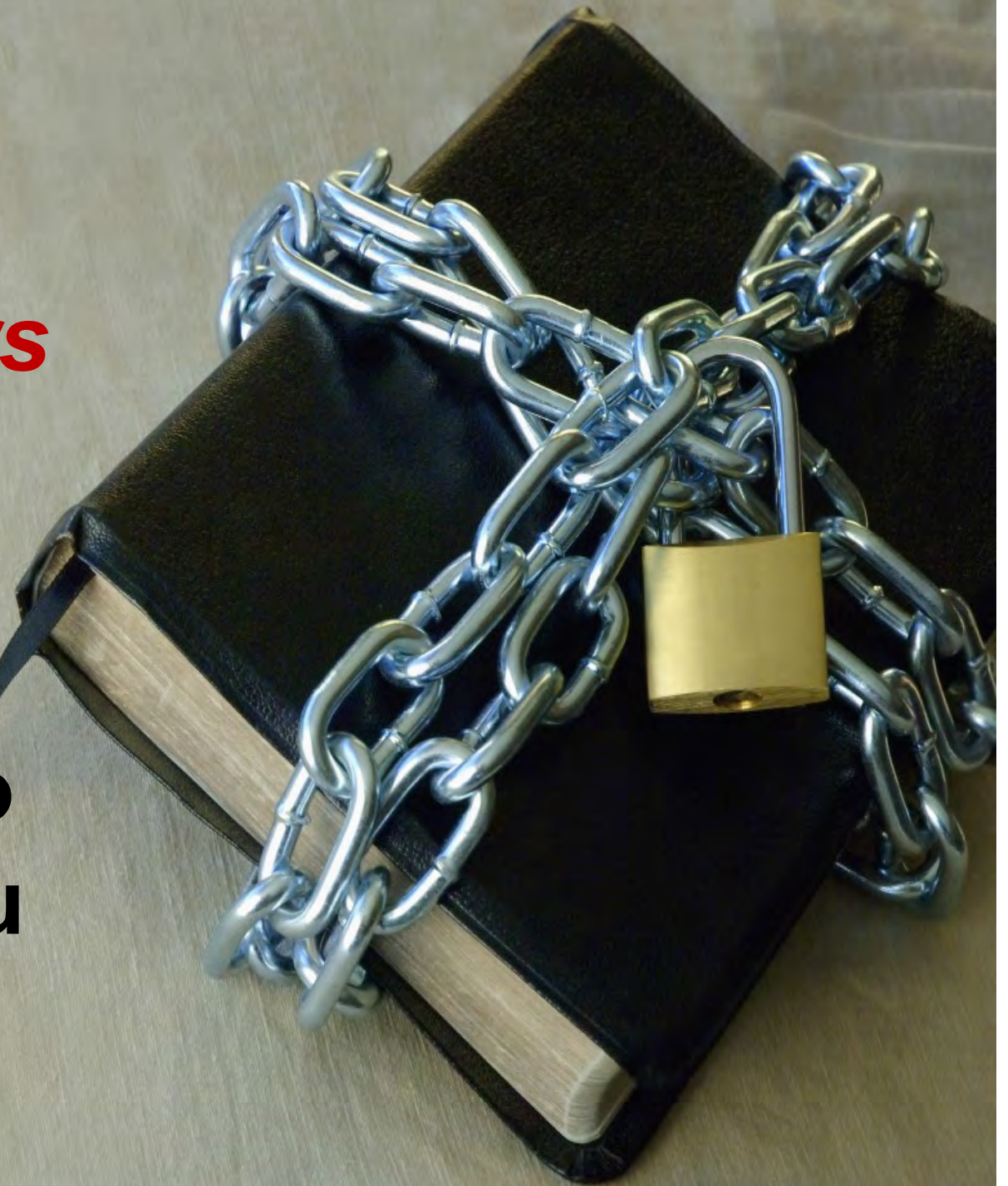
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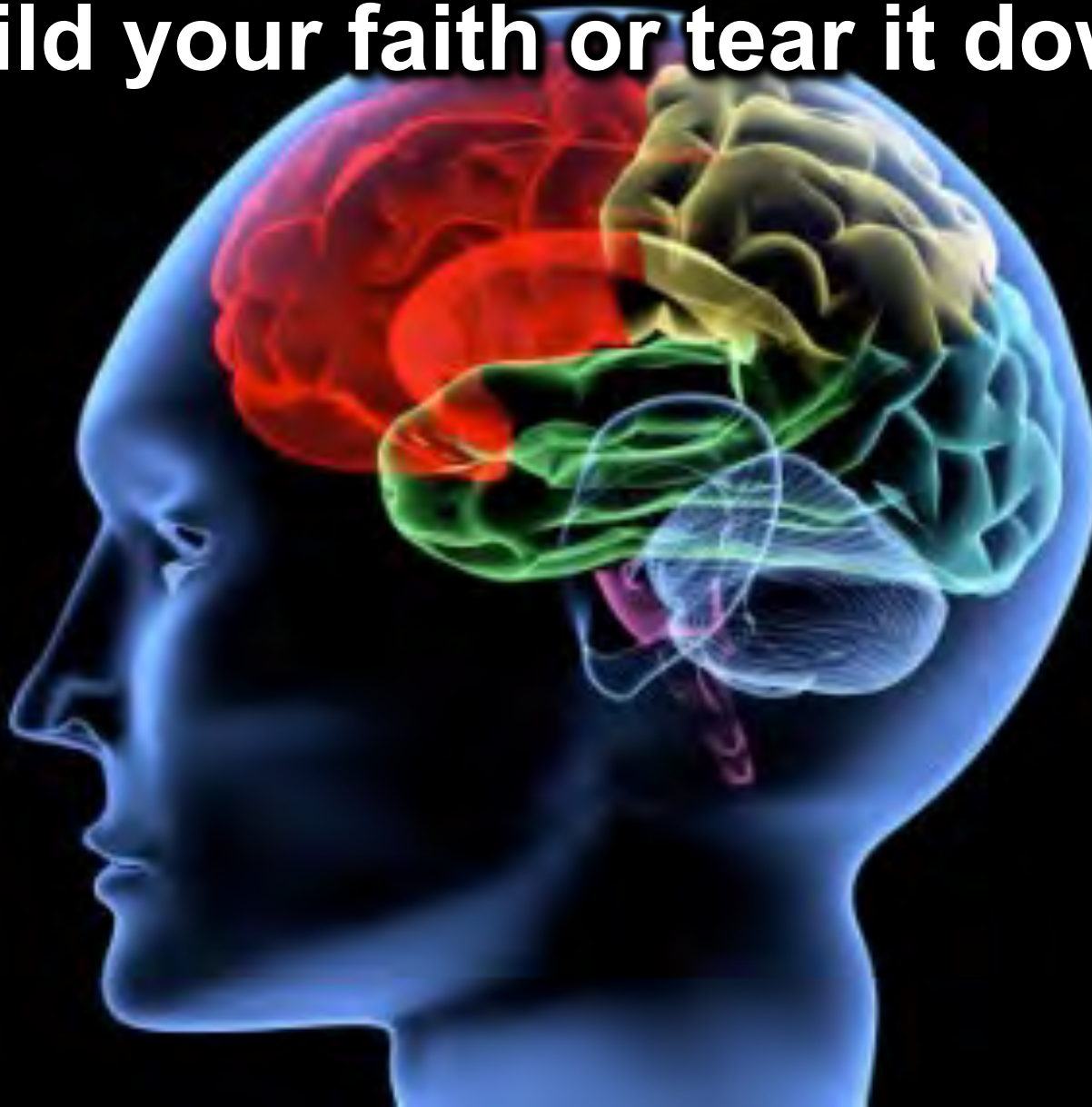
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In...** ←

**Garbage
Out!** →

**Everything that enters
the mind influences
how we think and act.**

**Don't let garbage enter
your mind.**


**Does your reading, news, friends,
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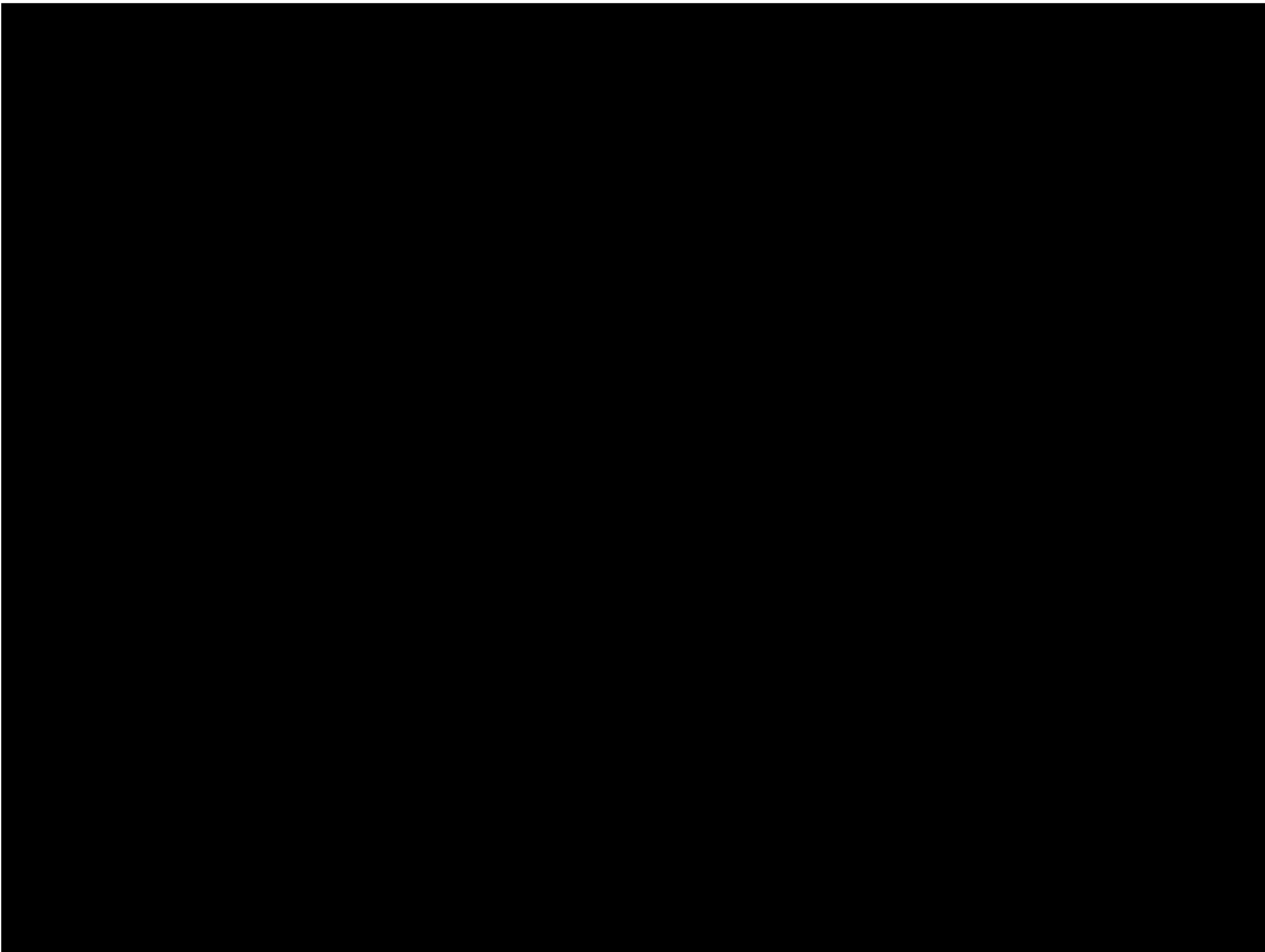


Well.

Is anything more powerful against heresy than God's Word—methods, logic, ignoring false teaching, etc.?

While proper teaching is not the *only* thing needed, it is the most important thing.





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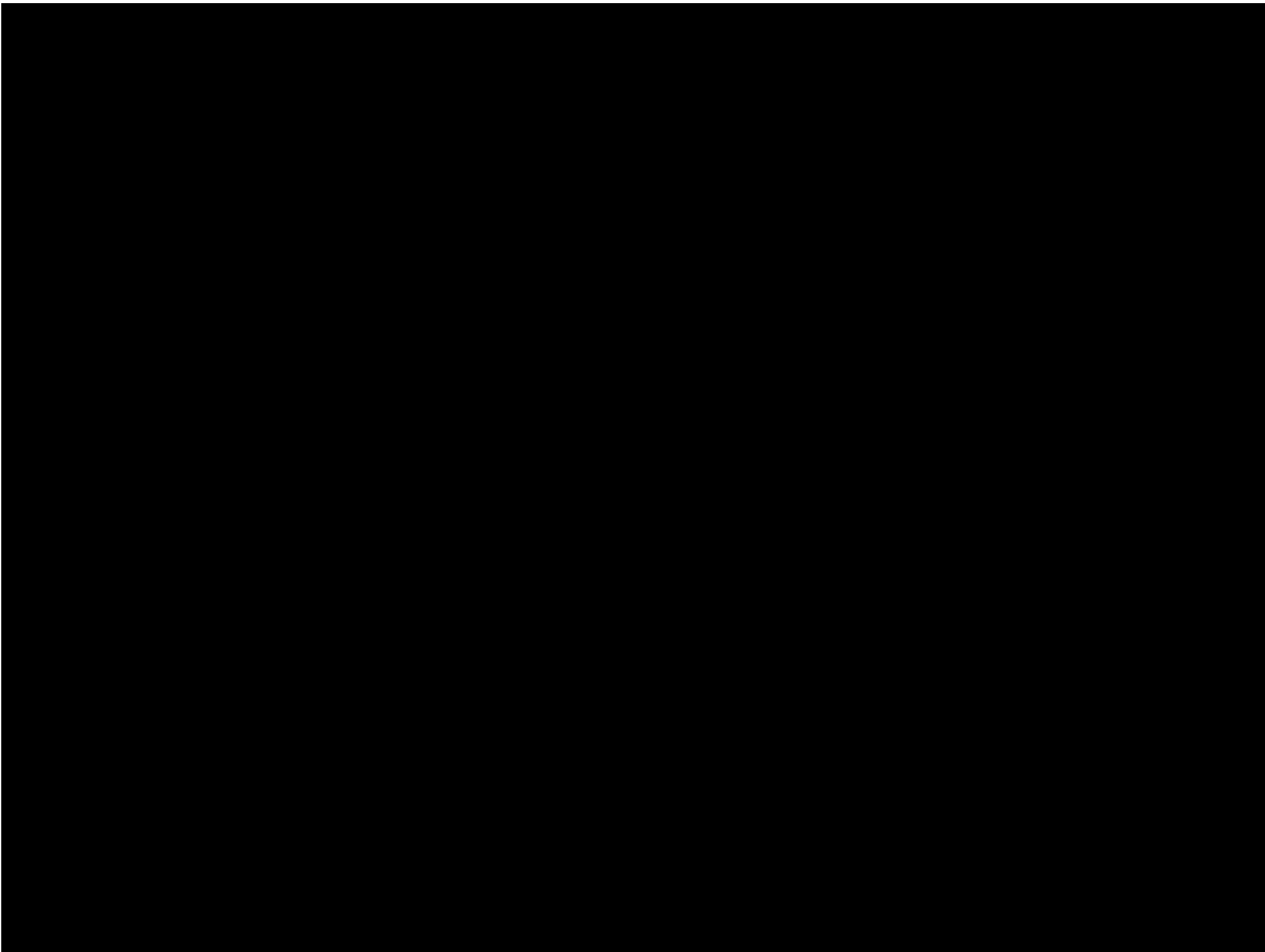
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