

They Call Me Coach

Studies in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus

Crunch Time

Introduction to “II Timothy 1-2

Crunch time is known by everyone around the NBA as the time when the game is on the line. How players perform in this time will often be the difference between winning and losing. Skill has a lot to do with it, but the mental attitude may be an even larger factor. As Paul wrote his 2nd letter to Timothy it was crunch time for him. He was nearing the end of his life, and as he reflected on it, and contemplated the progress of the kingdom after he was gone, he wanted to pass on some important bits of advice to Timothy. In chapters one and two Paul emphasized three things that would help Timothy (and us) go through his own version of crunch time. He first told Timothy of the necessity of confidence

for successfully navigating the difficulties of the Christian life. The reality is that living the Christian life is hard because of suffering and persecution. It’s not easy to stand for the truth in a hostile environment. Paul reminded Timothy of God’s gifting of him, of God’s power, and of his and others’ examples of endurance in the face of persecution. These facts (which we also possess) were meant to give Timothy confidence to also traverse his own crunch time. Paul then spoke to Timothy about the necessity of continuation to enable us to endure the difficulties of the Christian life. When we are in the process of passing on what we know to others in a



Following God’s game plan for kingdom growth.

way that they, too, can pass it on, it makes our troubles less significant. This is hard work, but it is worth it. Finally, only those who have a strong commitment to building the kingdom will be able to succeed in crunch time. This commitment must be to know God’s truth thoroughly and live it out rigorously. When we do these things we will be able to succeed in crunch time.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Daily Questions for II Timothy 1-2

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com/resources/leader resources)

<p>1. Read 1:1-5. What did Paul know about Timothy (v5), and why do you think he told this to him? How did Paul encourage (v2) and support (v3) Timothy?</p>	
<p>2. Look at 1:6-12. What did Paul tell Timothy to do (v6, 8) and what was his rationale (9-10). What was Paul’s example (v12)? Apply.</p>	
<p>3. From 1:13-14 what else did Paul challenge Timothy to do (v13-14), and how do you think he was supposed to do this? How should we do it?</p>	

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II Timothy 1-2 Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on 1:15-18 what reality confronted Paul (v15), and what happened to help him overcome this (v16-17)? What was Paul's response (v18)?

5. Looking at 2:1-4 what 3 phases must occur for the gospel to continue (v2), and what does this require from us (v1, 4)? Will this be easy (v3-4)?

6. From 2:5-10 what does Paul's other two examples (v5, 6) teach us about serving Christ? Why did Paul endure such hardship (v8, 9, 10)?

7. Using 2:11-13 what will we share with Christ (v11, 12), and what will we not share (v13)? How should we apply this?

8. According to 2:14-18 what should we help others avoid (v14, 16), and why (v14, 16-18)? To what should we devote ourselves (v15)?

9. Read 2:19-21. What 2 truths must we remember (v19)? What is God's part in this (v19-20), and what is our part (v20-21)?

10. In 2:22-26 what does Paul tell Timothy to do (v22-23), and what approach is he to take (v24-25)? Why (v25-26)?

11. Looking back over 1-2 what are some things to keep in mind when you face difficulties in your Christian walk (1:7, 9-10, 12; 2:2, 4-6, 8, 10, 11-13, 19, 21)? Where do you need to grow?

Scripture to Remember

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."

2 Timothy 2:13 (NAS)

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Life Group Questions—Building Bridges to Unbelievers

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with other members of your group about something that you envied about someone else as you were growing up. How did this affect you?
2. What do you think envy/jealousy is and why do you think it leads to conflicts?
3. How does envy take away your happiness and lead to other sins? Give some examples.
4. Talk about some ways to discover if you have a problem with jealousy/envy. Why do you think it is so hard to admit something like this?
5. Think of some areas where you see insecurity, comparison and/or discontent in your life. Everyone pick out one of those and share it with the group so they can pray with you about that.
6. Discuss anything else important to you from the message today if you have time.