**Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 16**

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*Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. -* 2 Timothy 3:10-12

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| **Day 1** | Verse 10  *Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,* —2 Timothy 3:10 |
| 1. | What two things is Paul contrasting with the use of the word “but” or “now”? |
| 2. | How had Timothy followed Paul’s life and ministry? |
| 3. | What do the following verses tell us about the importance of the company we keep?   1. Psalm 1:1 |
|  | 1. Proverbs 13:20 |
|  | 1. Proverbs 22:24-25 |
|  | 1. Proverbs 27:17 |
|  | 1. 1 Corinthians 15:33 |
|  | 1. James 4:4 |
| 4. | Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-17. How does it connect to this passage? |
|  | **Heart-Check**  What kind of company do you keep? Company can be people, social media, movies, TV series, books, etc. |
|  | Are you following someone who can say they are following Christ? |
|  | What is the danger of giving your attention to those who are not of good company? |
|  | Do you make allowances, thinking they will not affect you? |
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| **Day 2** | Verse 10  *Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,* —2 Timothy 3:10 |
| 1. | What is the connection between Paul’s teaching, conduct, faith, patience, love, and perseverance? |
| 2. | In how many of Paul’s epistles does he mention Timothy as being with him when he wrote it? |
|  | 1. What does this tell us about their relationship? |
| 3. | What was Paul’s aim or purpose? Use Scripture to support your answer. |
| 4. | What was the importance of Paul’s patience? |
| 5. | How important is love in the life of a believer? See 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and Galatians 5:22-23. |
| 6. | What does it mean to be steadfast or to persevere, especially in Paul and Timothy’s context? |
|  | **Heart-Check**  Are you patient in suffering? |
|  | Do you show patience in the everyday mundane things? |
|  | Are there areas you need to grow in conduct, faith, patience, love, and perseverance? Write them out and ask the Lord to help you. |
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| **Day 3** | Verse 11  *persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!* —2 Timothy 3:11 |
| 1. | Read Acts 13-14. What happened to Paul in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra? |
| 2. | What 2 qualities are in this verse that Timothy is supposed to follow? |
| 3. | Where can we find a summary of Paul’s life sufferings? |
| 4. | What does Paul say about his suffering in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18? |
| 5. | What was Paul’s heart toward suffering? See Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 12:10. |
|  | **Heart-Check**  What is your first response to a trial? |
|  | Are you looking for ways the Lord can glorify Himself? |
|  | Write or say a prayer asking the Lord to show you His glory in your trials and sufferings. |
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| **Day 4** | Verse 11  *persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!* –2 Timothy 3:11 |
| 1. | How did the Lord rescue Paul from persecution? |
| 2. | What does God’s Word say about rescuing His own? See Psalm 34:19. |
|  | 1. When God rescues us, does He always change our circumstances? |
|  | 1. How does 2 Timothy 4:18 help us better understand this concept? |
|  | 1. From Daniel 3:17-18, what should our heart be if God chooses not to change our circumstances? |
|  | 1. Why do you think you the Lord chooses not to take trials from us? See 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Romans 5: 3-5. |
| 3. | If Paul has told Timothy to follow his suffering and persecution, what does this tell us about what Timothy is about to face? |
| 4. | What does 1 Thessalonians 3: 3-4, 7 tell us about Paul and Timothy’s suffering already? |
|  | **Heart-Check**  Has there ever been a time in your life when the Lord did not change your circumstances but changed your heart during them and thus delivered you? |
|  | What did He teach you about Himself? |
|  | How can you better prepare for future trials and suffering? |
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| **Day 5** | Verse 12  *Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.* –2 Timothy 3:12 |
| 1. | What is the promise of this verse? |
| 2. | Why will all who desire to live a godly life be persecuted? |
| 3. | Should persecution be surprising to a believer? |
| 4. | Why does godliness make people so angry? |
| 5. | Find Scripture that tells us what Christ says about persecution. |
| 6. | What are persecutions, and is persecution simply being beaten, imprisoned, or martyred? |
|  | 1. What varying degrees of persecution are there? |
|  | 1. What are some “smaller scale” persecutions that we can easily disregard in the life of another? |
|  | 1. What must you do to avoid persecution? |
|  | **Heart-Check**  What is your attitude towards those who are godlier or mature in the faith? |
|  | Have you ever been attacked for your godliness? |
|  | Have you ever attacked anyone for their godliness? |
|  | If you are not receiving opposition for your faith, what might this be an indication of? |
|  | Has there ever been a time when you have compromised to avoid opposition? What is the root of this sin and what must you do if this has/is taking place? |
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|  | **Dig Deeper** |
| 1. | Take time to thank God that He has rescued you from ultimate death. |
| 2. | Look up all the passages that tell us about what Christ suffered. |
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