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Sermon # 55 – “II Timothy”
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II Timothy: Some Background Information

The Audience: The aging Apostle Paul wrote this final letter to Timothy, his “dear son” in the ministry, who was living and serving in Ephesus.

The Date of the Letter: II Timothy was written in approximately A. D. 67. The Apostle Paul was a prisoner in Rome at the time. This would be Paul’s final incarceration. Not long afterward (according to tradition) he was beheaded. Thus, II Timothy is chronologically the last of Paul’s 13 epistles in the New Testament.

The Purposes of the Letter: This is another of Paul’s Pastoral Epistles, very personal in tone. It was written to encourage Timothy to hold on to sound doctrine and to remain faithful in times of hardship.

The Theme of the Letter: Faithfulness in Christ.

II Timothy: An Outline

1. A Call to Faithfulness. 1:3-18

- Paul’s appreciation for Timothy. 1:3-7
- A call to courage. 1:8-12
- A call to guard the truth. 1:13-14
- Examples of unfaithfulness and faithfulness. 1:15-18

2. A Challenge to Endurance. 2:1-13

- Enduring hardship for Christ. 2:1-7
- Christ’s example of endurance. 2:8-10
- A faithful saying. 2:11-13.

3. Marks of a Workman Approved by God. 2:14-26

- Faithfulness in ministry. 2:14-19

- A clean instrument. 2:20-21
- Faithfulness in conduct. 2:22-26.

4. Predictions of Unfaithfulness. 3:1-9

5. A Call to Faithful Preaching. 3:10-4:8

- Faithfulness in the face of opposition. 3:10-13
- Faithfulness to God's Word. 3:14-4:5

6. Paul's Example of Faithfulness. 4:6-22

- Paul anticipates the end of his race. 4:6-8
- Paul reflects on friends and enemies. 4:9-15
- Paul remembers God's faithfulness to him. 4:16-18
- Paul expresses final greetings. 4:19-22