

2 TIMOTHY 4 PREACH IT

We finished our Bible Study last time with what I like to call “**The other 3:16.**” It sounded like this...

- **3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- **You CAN trust the Bible!**
 - All of it. Every word of it was inspired, or spoken by God, to His chosen authors.
 - **2 Peter 1:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved (**filled**) by the Holy Spirit.

WITH INSPIRED SCRIPTURE...

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

- Paul reminds Timothy that the souls he is charged with ministering to will someday stand before the Lord and be judged...
- This keeps all good Pastors awake at night! **SO, WE...**

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

- **CEV** - to preach God's message. Do it willingly, even if it isn't the popular thing to do. You must correct people and point out their sins. But also cheer them up, and when you instruct them, always be patient.

NEWSFLASH! PREACHING IS NOT HATE SPEECH!

3 For the time will come (**Now**) when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up (**Search out**) for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside

to fables. (**Fiction... stories... Fake.**)

- Unfortunately, we live in a time when preaching is less and less popular, and even called hate speech. Motivational speaker has replaced Fiery preacher for what becomes popular these days.
 - **I WANT to motivate people too...** I want people to become motivated to love the Lord with all of their hearts... To change their ways... Walk away from sin and to be born again!
 - **I am on that same journey myself!**
 - **NOT ALL PREACHERS ARE, SO...**

WATCH OUT TIMOTHY

5 But you **be watchful** in all things, **endure afflictions**, **do the work** of an evangelist, **fulfill your ministry**.

- **EVANGELIZE! “Announce good news.”**
 - Don't we love to share good news?
 - We have the BEST news to share...
 - We should do the four things Paul told Timothy no matter WHAT God has called us to be...
 - Watch...Endure...Work...Fulfill our ministry.
 - Usher... Facilitator... Teacher... Worship Leader... Janitor... or Preacher... Watch out! Endure! Work hard! Fulfill your calling.

PAUL'S LAST TESTIMONY

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

- He has received his death sentence... He is ready to die!
 - He begins to reflect... Thinking like an athlete.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **WE WOULD SAY...**

- I hit the curve ball... I made a shot at the buzzer... I straight armed my tacklers in the face... I cut the fairway through the trees... I was the first in line on Black Friday... I guarded my lane... I kicked a goal right through the goalie's legs... I worshipped when everyone else stayed in bed...

GRAND FINALLY

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (**IE, NLT - who**

eagerly look forward to his appearing.)

PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS

9 Be diligent to come to me quickly; 10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica— Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

- Those who have been deserted know this pain all too well... And I DO feel sorry for you. You can relate to the pain that Paul is feeling...
 - It just got too hard for some of Paul's team...
 - It WAS a death sentence to stay on the team...
 - Who WAS willing to die? Listen...

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. *(Lucky for Mark...)*

12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. *(To deliver mail)*

CLOAK AND DAGGER

13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

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- **Why didn't Paul have his cloak and books with him?**
 - Probably because Paul left in a hurry... WHY? He was in danger because of his preaching against sin.
- **Why didn't the Roman brothers provide him with a cloak?**
 - Probably because it was too dangerous for them to go there...
- **Why didn't Paul complain about it?**
 - Because his poverty was NOT a sore subject with him. He was not only teaching us to endure... He WAS enduring to teach us!
 - Paul's expectations were low and humble.
- Lastly... **WHO WAS CARPUS, and WHY did Paul leave his only worldly belongings with a total nobody?**
 - Because, in the ministry, there ARE NO "Nobody's." God is counting

on you and I to do our part... EVEN if it is holding onto somebody else's stuff... If there is a crown for THAT... Lynette and are going to be crowned, BIG TIME!

HEADSUP!!!

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. **OUCH!** 15 You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

- CCSV, Not everyone should be able to get to us... Some people, we just need to avoid! It is OK to make and keep boundaries!

16 At my first defense (**Hearing**) no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

- Father, forgive them... We too should think and pray this way...
 - Paul had heard Steven pray this way while Paul participated in his execution.

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.
- (**AKA Nero**)

18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever.
Amen!

FINAL GREETINGS

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, (**The home church**) and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.
21 Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
Amen.