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Session 1: Pressures (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

CONTEXT

- The themes of 2 Timothy: Reading horizontally.

  2 Tim 1:8
  2 Tim 2:3

- Our expectations of Christian life and leadership.

‘Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.’

2 TIMOTHY 1:8

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1. THANKFUL FOR GOD'S GIFTS (1:3-7)

- Paul's support (vv3,4).

  Paul's prayers.

  Paul's friendship.

- Timothy's heritage (v5).

- God's gifts (vv6,7).

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2. SUFFERING FOR GOD'S GOSPEL (1:8-14)

- In solidarity with God's gospel (v12).

- In solidarity with God's people (vv12,16).

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3. DEPENDING ON GOD'S RESOURCES (1:8-14)

- God's power and grace (vv8,9).

- God's gospel (v10).

- God's protection (v12,14).

Pressures
2 Timothy 1:8,9,12,15;
2:3,9,10,25;
3:1-5, 8,11-13;
4:3,4,5,6,7,14,15,16,18

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Session 2: Priorities (2 Timothy 3:10-4:5)

1. LIVING (3:10–14)

- The power of example (vv10,11).

- The need for integrity (v14).

  1 Timothy 4:12,16.

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Session 2: Priorities (2 Timothy 3:10-4:5)

2. LEARNING (3:14-17)

- The authoritative and powerful Word.

  1 Thessalonians 2:13.

- Our personal commitment.

  Ezra 7:10.
  1 Timothy 4;6,15.
  Joshua 1:8.

- Our church life.

  2 Timothy 2:15,4:2.

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3. PROCLAIMING (4:1-4)

- The charge (4:1,2).

- The context (4:3,4).

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Session 2: Priorities (2 Timothy 3:10-4:5)

4. COMPLETING (4:5)

- 'Fulfil your ministry'.

PRIORITIES
2 Timothy 1:8-14;
2:1-9; 2:14-16, 22-26;
3:10-12, 14-17;
4:1,2,5,7,8

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Session 3: Partners (2 Timothy 4:8-22)

CONTEXT

- The problem of individualism.
- The danger of burnout.
- The possibility of failure.

1. SUPPORTIVE FRIENDSHIP: WE NEED OTHERS

- Luke (v11).

- Carpus (v13).

- Onesiphorus (v19; 1:16,17).

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Session 3: Partners (2 Timothy 4:8-22)

2. EFFECTIVE MINISTRY: WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

Ephesians 4:12,16.

- Titus (v10).

- Tychichus (v12).

- Priscilla & Aquila (v19).

- Mark (v11).

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3. ACCOUNTABILITY: WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

- Hebrews 13:17.

- Acts 14:26-28.

4. TEAMWORK: WE NEED TO MOBILISE EVERYONE

- Plural leadership and team development in the NT.

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Session 3: Partners (2 Timothy 4:8-22)

5. GROWING LEADERS: WE NEED TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- 2 Timothy 2:2.

CONCLUSION: 2 TIMOTHY 4:17,18

- Some losses 4:9,10.
- But see 4:17,18.

PARTNERS
2 Timothy 1:5, 15-18;
2:2,17,18;
4:9-18; 19-21

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Session 4: Perseverance (2 Timothy 2:1-15 and 4:6,8)

CONTEXT

> 'For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'
>
> 2 Timothy 4:6

1. SUSTAINABILITY (2:1,2)

- Be strengthened (v1).

- Build for the future (v2).

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Session 4: Perseverance (2 Timothy 2:1-15 and 4:6,8)

2. METAPHORS FOR PERSEVERANCE (2:3-7)

- The soldier (vv3,4).

- The athlete (v5).

- The farmer (v6).

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3. MOTIVATIONS FOR PERSEVERANCE (2:8-13)

- Because of God's Son (v8).

- Because of God's Word (v9).

- Because of God's people (v10).

- Because of God's faithfulness (v13).

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Session 4: Perseverance (2 Timothy 2:1-15 and 4:6,8)

4. REWARDS FOR PERSEVERANCE (4:6-8)

- The return of the King and the reward of the Judge (4:1,8).

- The reward of the Judge (4:1,8).

PERSEVERANCE
2 Timothy 1:3, 12;
2:1-15;
3:10,14;
4:5, 7-8

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