**BCM Bible Study - 4/13-14, 2022**

**2 Timothy 1:1-2:7**

**Read 2 Timothy 1:1-1:5**

* To what do you think that Paul is referring to when he says “the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus”?
  + **Read Philippians 1:21-26** Do you actively long for Heaven and eternity with Jesus? What might it look like for you to grow in this aspect of your faith?
  + Who are the believers that you care for as deeply as Paul does for Timothy? What about those who care so deeply for you?
* Why should we strive for our prayers to be with a clear conscience?
  + What do we do in those moments where we are unable to even forgive ourselves?
* What picture does this offer of generational faithfulness within families?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:6-18**

* What is meant by “fanning into flame the gift of God”?
  + How can you seek to fan the flame within your own life?
  + **Read 2 Corinthians 11:30, Romans 8:26** How do these verses impact how you think about and interact with your own weaknesses and shortcomings?
* What has your past relationship with the Holy Spirit been like? (maybe nonexistent, just beginning, or deep and living led by him as some options)
  + Which of these three gifts (power, love, and self-discipline) do you need to grow the most? What could be one or two things you can do to fan the flame in this area?
* Paul has so much confidence in God and how He is working, even given his own abysmal circumstances. Are you able to muster up confidence in God’s goodness during tough times like Paul, or is that especially difficult for you?
* Once again, we see Paul’s desire for keeping correct theology - this time using himself as the example. **Read 1 Corinthians 4:16, 11:1**
  + Do you struggle to see yourself as worthy of being a spiritual example for others?
  + What areas might you need to grow in most to be a good example for other believers?
* Do you think of the Gospel as a “good deposit”? Where might your mindset need to shift in thought process here then?
  + How can we grow in our faith and love for others to help us become more like the example of Onesiphorus?
  + **Read John 15:18-19** What are some ways we can stay faithful in moments when many are doubting us and our circumstances don’t look great?

**Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2:7**

* What does it mean to be strong in grace?
* Paul’s command in verse 2 is effectively a command to make disciples.
  + What kind of focus did your past church experience have upon discipleship?
  + What is your current focus and desire to make disciples now?
* Which of the three analogies (soldier, athlete, farmer) do you feel most fits your faith right now?
  + As you think about service to the Lord, is it a struggle for you to only look for and take orders from him?
  + How should we react when we don’t feel like we’ve verbally received any ‘orders’ recently?

Challenge: Spend the next week praying and thanking God for those weaknesses which you have. Thank him for the opportunity to boast in Him and lift up those areas that you might grow, but more so that He would work through you there!