

My Friend Tim

Part 3:
Hold On

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At Christ the King Community Church, we believe that all people are ministers.

Last Week (Chapter 2) in a nutshell:

Pastor Tim, be kind and gentle in the face of opposition and avoid stupid and meaningless arguments.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

A Key Thought

Paul is not telling Timothy to run and hide, he is telling him to be prepared.

A Strong Caution

Be prepared for those who are religious but rebellious.

A Key Reminder

It's not Us vs. Them. It's Us for Them.

(John 17:15-18, Matthew 18:17, Luke 15, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, 2 Thess. 3:14)

A Spiritual Gut-check

Which of the sins listed above has already taken root and needs to be confessed and repented of?

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2 Timothy 3:10-15

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

A Passionate Plea

Timothy, you have seen me in the good and the bad.
So hold on to what you know to be absolutely true.

A Statement of Fact

The Word is your greatest weapon against error, apathy, and misplaced priorities.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

On Your Way Home

Do you think Jesus is coming back soon? Why or why not?

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) How do you deal with germs in your life?
 - a. Don't touch anyone or anything – wish you could wear a bubble suit
 - b. Hand sanitize when you remember
 - c. Don't care – bring it on!
 - d. Jesus told me to share, so I am being obedient
- 2) What is your take on the end times? Are you fearful or anticipating the return of Jesus?
- 3) In your life, who has permission to speak deeply into your spiritual growth even to the point of identifying sin and providing accountability? When was the last time they actually pointed out in to help you grow?
- 4) Timothy walked with Paul through very tough times. Have you ever walked with someone through a trial or tragedy? What did God teach about just being there?
- 5) What is the most effective way for you to study the Word? What is your biggest struggle in the discipline of knowing your Bible?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?