

2 Timothy

Keeping the Faith

Ashamed of Suffering?

INTRO: *Timothy was discouraged. His timidity could potentially cause him to shrink back from the prospect of suffering for the sake of the Gospel. He might also shrink back from his association with his mentor, Paul, who was now a Roman prisoner. What message would the Apostle give his protegee?*

- I. There is _____ associated with the _____.**
Jesus promised it (John 15:20) and the NT is fraught with its theme.
- II. God has provided the ultimate *supernatural* resource to overcome our *natural* _____ toward _____; _____.**
The indwelling Holy Spirit strengthens our resolve (1:6-7).
- III. Do not be _____ to _____ for the _____**
(1:8-12). *The **therefore** of verse 8 forces us to ask, “What it is **there for**?” The passage shares two reasons why suffering is reasonable.*
- A. Jesus suffered the greatest _____ to bring us _____.**
*Jesus “shamed” shame by suffering on the shameful cross **for us**! (Cf. Hebrews 12:2).*
- B. Suffering for the _____ cannot cause the _____ of anything of true _____.**
The Lord will guard our salvation and ministry fruit we’ve committed to Him.