

# Sermon Outline

NO SHAME | Paul Harrington

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 1

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A weighty, emotional letter...

- 'To Timothy, my dear son' (2 Timothy 1:2)
- Paul is in prison (2 Timothy 1:8, 2:9)
- On death row (2 Timothy 4:6 'The time for my departure is near')
- A sad letter? (Acts 19; 2 Timothy 1:15 'everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me...')
- The risk of shame (2 Timothy 1:8 '...do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner...'; 2 Timothy 1:12 'That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame...'; 2 Timothy 1:16 '...Onesiphorus...was not ashamed of my chains...')

## 1. Why there is no need to be ashamed of Jesus (vv8-10)

## 2. Ashamed of the Apostle Paul = Ashamed of Jesus (v8, 13, 15-18)

## 3. The main task: Guard the Gospel (vv11-14)

- 2 Timothy 1:14 is the centrepiece of the letter

'Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.'

- Timothy's gift?

1 Timothy 4:13-14

- How do you guard the gospel?

## Things we need to remember (to avoid being ashamed)

- It is only the gospel that saves

- If you stick with the gospel, you will suffer

2 Timothy 1:11-12 'And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame...'

2 Timothy 1:8 '...join with me in suffering for the gospel...'

- Jesus guards the gospel and us

2 Timothy 1:1 '...I am convinced he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day'

*An alternative reading...*

'He is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.'