



## Faithful Under Severe Duress

### 2 Timothy 1:1-7

- 1) As an apostle, Paul was sent by Christ Jesus to preach the gospel (1:1-2)
  - a) As the will of God to send men of faith to preach truth
  - b) To speak the very words of Christ
  - c) To announce the promise of the gospel to the lost
  - d) To encourage believers in Christ
  - e) To offer from God mercy, grace, & peace through Christ the Lord
- 2) Genuine Christians remain faithful even under severe duress (1:3-6)
  - a) They are constantly thankful (3a)
  - b) Though imperfect, their consciences are clear (3b)
  - c) They think of others instead of themselves (3c)
  - d) They are in prayer day and night (3d)
  - e) They long to be w/ fellow believers (4)
  - f) They encourage the downtrodden (5-6)
    - i) Reminding them of their faith
    - ii) Exhorting them to remain faithful to Christian service
- 3) Christians are not to be timid but bold (7)
  - a) With *power*—serving Christ at any cost
  - b) With *love*—serving one another *as a verb*
  - c) With *discipline*—thinking God's thoughts