

The Story Chapter 30

Paul's Final Days

Timothy

- Native of Lystra
- Paul probably responsible for his conversion
- Not circumcised
- Paul had him circumcised – Acts 16.3 Paul & Timothy were close
 - Both are credited with writing 6 of Paul's letters
 - 2 Cor – Phil – 1 & 2 Thess – Philem - Col

Paul

Jesus

Persecution

Felix

- Roman Governor of Judea
 - A.D. 52 – 60
 - Recalled by Nero
- Heard Paul's case in Caesarea
 - Failed to make decision
 - Imprisoned Paul for 2 years
- Characterized as
 - Brutal – incompetent politician

Tychicus

- Traveling companion of Paul's
- Entrusted to letters to churches
 - With Onesimus
 - Colossians – Ephesus - Crete
- From Asia Minor
- Died a martyr

Relationships

- Silas
- Timothy
- Priscilla & Aquila
- Appolos
- Onesiphorus
- Tychicus
- Onesimus

Luke

- Close friend and traveling companion – Paul
- Physician
- 2 Timothy 4. 11 – “Only Luke with me...”
- From Antioch
- Adopted Philippi as his home
- Paul distinguished him from others
 - “of the circumcision” Col 4.11
- No wife – children – served Lord
- Fell asleep in Boeatz at 84

Ananias

- High Priest – oversaw trial before Sanhedrin
- Sought only to appease Roman authority
- Assassinated 66 by anti-Roman Jews

Salvation

- Before
 - Dead in sins
 - Used to live there
 - Followed world
 - Followed Satan (*Ruler of air*)
 - Gratified sinful cravings
 - Followed our desires
 - Were objects of wrath
- After
 - God made us alive
 - Saved by grace
 - Raised with Christ
 - Seated with God
 - Showed us riches/grace
 - Not saved by works
 - We are God's work
 - Created in Jesus
 - Do good works planned

Suffering

- Philippians 4. 11-14

–¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.”



Suffering

- 2 Corinthians 11. 23-28

–²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea. ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.”



Ideal church





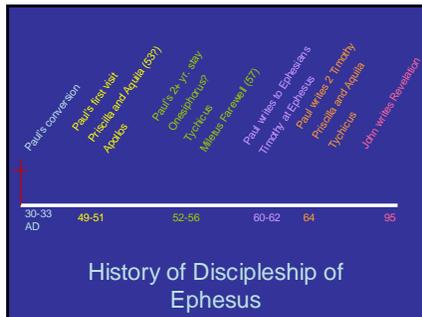
2 Timothy 3. 1-9

- "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 such people. ⁶ They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over glibble women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, ⁷ always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. ⁹ But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone."



2 Timothy 3. 10-17

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



2 Timothy 4. 1-8

- "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4. 9-18

- ⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

2:33	Call to apostleship; mission to Achaia (Gal 1:10-17)
3:5	Short visit to Jerusalem (Gal 1:18-20)
3:4-5	In Cilicia, Syria, Antioch
4:6	Conference with "pillars" in Jerusalem (Gal 2:1-10); Roman relief delivered from Antioch (Acts 11:27-30)
4:7-8	Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus and Antiochia (Acts 13:1-14:26)
4:11-19	Council of Jerusalem; apostolic decree (Acts 15:6-29)
4:9-11/32	Paul and Silas/Sibyanus in Macedonia and Achaia; churches of Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea and Corinth planned (Acts 16:1-18:18)
5:1, 22	Paul's busy visit to Jerusalem, Antioch and Anania
5:25-26	Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-29:1)
5:27	Paul in Macedonia, Illyricum and Geruth (Rom 15:19; 16:22)
5:27	Last visit to Jerusalem; arrest and loss of liberty (Acts 21:17-29:30)
5:27-29	Imprisonment in Caesarea (Acts 23:35-26:32)
5:40-41	Journey to Italy (Acts 27:1-28:15)
6:6-7	House arrest in Rome (Acts 28:16-31)
7:2	Paul's hearing before Caesar
8:1	Great Fire of Rome
9:15	Death of Paul

Upper Story

Lower Story