**Week Two – 1 Timothy 1**

**RECAP:**

In our introduction, we laid our two objectives for this deep dive into Paul’s letters to Timothy:

1. We want to understand what it means and what it looks like to live a gospel-shaped life.
2. We also want to gain a grasp of how a mentoring relationship works and why it makes such a difference in living a Christ-centered life.

* Paul’s main concern is to make clear to Timothy and the Ephesian church the difference between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ produced by the gospel and the lifestyle promoted by false elders who have essentially turned their back on the gospel.

**I. Greeting – The Mentor & the Mentee – 1 Timothy 1:1-2**

* Paul’s apostolic authority rests on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He adds this, not for Timothy’s benefit, but for the sake of those who will also read this letter as Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Timothy’s authority to take decisive and drastic action.
* The letter is addressed to Timothy who he describes as his ‘*true child (son) in the faith”.*
* Mentoring is all about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – being close enough to another to see in their lives the hand of God at work, their potential for serving Jesus, and where they need to be equipped and encouraged to be all they can be in Christ Jesus.
* Timothy was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s ministry.

**II. Warning Against False Teachers – The Mentoring Context – 1 Timothy 1:3-11**

**a. The Ephesian Climate – Confusion and Controversy (VV. 3-7)**

* Verse 3 is the reason for this letter. The threat to the witness of the church in Ephesus this time was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Elders of some of the house churches in the city were preaching and teaching a message \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the true gospel.
* The result of these teachings is that they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than the work of the gospel, speculation rather than the advance of the kingdom by faith in Christ.
* Paul focus is not so much on right doctrine (orthodoxy) as it is on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (orthopraxis).
* Verse 5 stands as the motivation for this letter. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Gk. *apage*) is the highest goal of true faith and includes loyalty to God and good will toward others (the Great Commandment).

**b. The Biblical Corrective – Sound Doctrine (vv. 8-11)**

* Although they are not binding on Christ followers, the Mosaic laws, rightly understood, still give Christian’s wisdom about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that pleases or displeases God.
* The purpose of the law was not to regulate good men, but bad men who traffic in ignoring the law, despising authority, and doing violence.
* The gospel entrusted to Paul leads to an entirely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_kind of life that he will unpack through this letter.

**III. The Transforming Power of the Gospel – The Mentor – 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

* The Gospel makes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of those who come to Christ in faith and repentance.
* Paul celebrates what the gospel does – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sinners of which he as a leading example.

**IV. Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners – Mentoring Wisdom – 1 Timothy 1:18-20**

* The false teachers have abandoned faith and a good conscience with the inevitable sad result – they have shipwrecked their faith. Paul calls Timothy to hold on faith and good conscience and avoid their disaster.
* *“Handed over to Satan* – the hope was to jolt them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If the false teachers repent, they may still be saved; church discipline is motivated by love, with the hope that the one disciplined will turn back to the Lord.

**Mentoring Practice #1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* We all face the temptation to deny our past, hide our past, or run from our past, but that is where the saving work of Christ begins taking you as you are and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you into what you are becoming.
* Your past is a part of who you are, BUT your past does not necessarily define who you are. It is your reality, but not necessarily your destiny.
* Christ gives us new identity. You are a new creation. You have the freedom to become who Jesus would be if he were you.

Romans 1:16 *- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God*

*for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

**The ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the working of God in your own life trains you to see God at work in the life of another. This is fundamental to mentoring that makes a difference.**

**Take Home Exercise:** Take a 3x5 or a 4x6 card and write out how the gospel has made a difference in your life using no more words that Paul does in 1 Timothy 1:12-16.