



**COURAGEOUSLY SHARING THE GOSPEL -
2 TIMOTHY 1:8-14**

We combat fear by determining, then developing, our abilities.

2 Tim. 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, **7** for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

God emboldens us to share the gospel.

1. Because of our God-given abilities we respond or act courageously.

2 Tim. 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

2. Courage comes from our position of strength – God's work in us already accomplished!

2 Tim. 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, **10** and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

- a. He rescued us. (9a)
- b. He designed us uniquely for "our time and place." (9b)
- c. He removed the power of death. (10)

3. Be encouraged! Others are in this with you!

2 Tim. 1:11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, **12** which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Surround yourself with those...

- a. *...who know Jesus.*
- b. *...who courageously exercise their gifts.*

"Entrusted to me" or "my deposit"

"The typical picture in the word is that of a man going upon a journey and depositing with, and entrusting to, a friend his most precious and valued possessions... To be faithful to such a trust, and to return such a deposit unharmed, were amongst the highest and most sacred obligations which ancient thought recognized"

-Barclay

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. How does understanding that God has purposefully designed you help in your courageous sharing of the gospel?
2. When you watch news/headlines are you prone to anxiety or anger? Or are you moved to seek the Father on how to serve His kingdom?
3. Identify people in your life who know Jesus and live out the gospel courageously. How can you better be encouraged by their example?
4. Identify your sphere of influence. How can you relate to those within your sphere of influence? Identify other believers who share your sphere of influence

SONGS

"Nothing But The Blood" - Robert Lowry

"Raise A Hallelujah" - Jake Stevens, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs

"No Longer Slaves" - Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

"Christ Be All Around Me" - David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, & Leslie Jordan

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$24,687.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$480,030.69

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$564,352.00