**A Journey through the Bible**

**II Timothy**

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**I. The Book**

A. The man who wrote the letter — chapter 1:1

B. The place from which it was written — chapters 1:16-18; 2:9a; 4:9-14, 21

C. The reason for the letter

1. To encourage Timothy for the tough tasks ahead
2. To stir up his friend

Three things working against him:

1. He was young in the ministry
2. Kindle afresh his gifts — 1:6
3. Wrap up some personal matters before his death

D. The style of the letter

1. There is a sense of urgency
2. There are a lot of commands

**II. Four Commands from the Apostle**

A. Guard the treasure — chapter 1:14

He speaks of 3 specifics that has to do with our responsibility in that

1. We are to communicate the Gospel — verse 11
2. We are to suffer for the Gospel — verse 12
3. We are to guard the Gospel — verse 14

**B.** Suffering hardship — chapter 2:3
Then he gives 6 illustrations of this:

1. Suffer hardship as good soldiers — verses 3-4
2. Compete as an athlete — verse 5
3. A farmer
4. A workman — verse 15
5. A vessel — verses 20-21
6. A servant — verses 24-25

C. Continue — chapter 3:14

Continue because it is going to be difficult — chapter 3:2-5

verse 10 "but you"

D.\_\_ Preach the Word —chapter 4:2