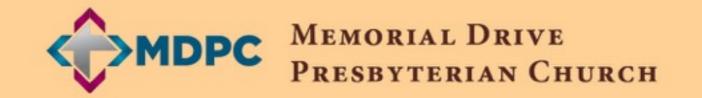
LESSON 13

PASSING THE TORCH

2 TIMOTHY 1: 1-7





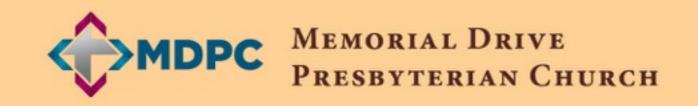
When Trials Come

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3fyKT2R-Rw

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.





THE REST OF THE STORY

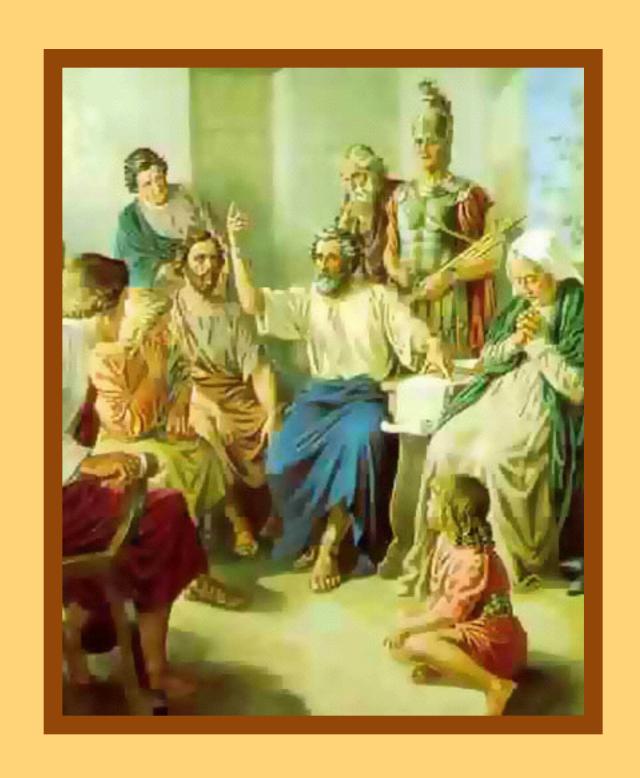
INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY





61-63 AD: Paul under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28: 30-31)

Paul not yet tried before Emperor Nero as God said was going to happen (Acts 27:24)



Paul wrote letters to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon during this time.

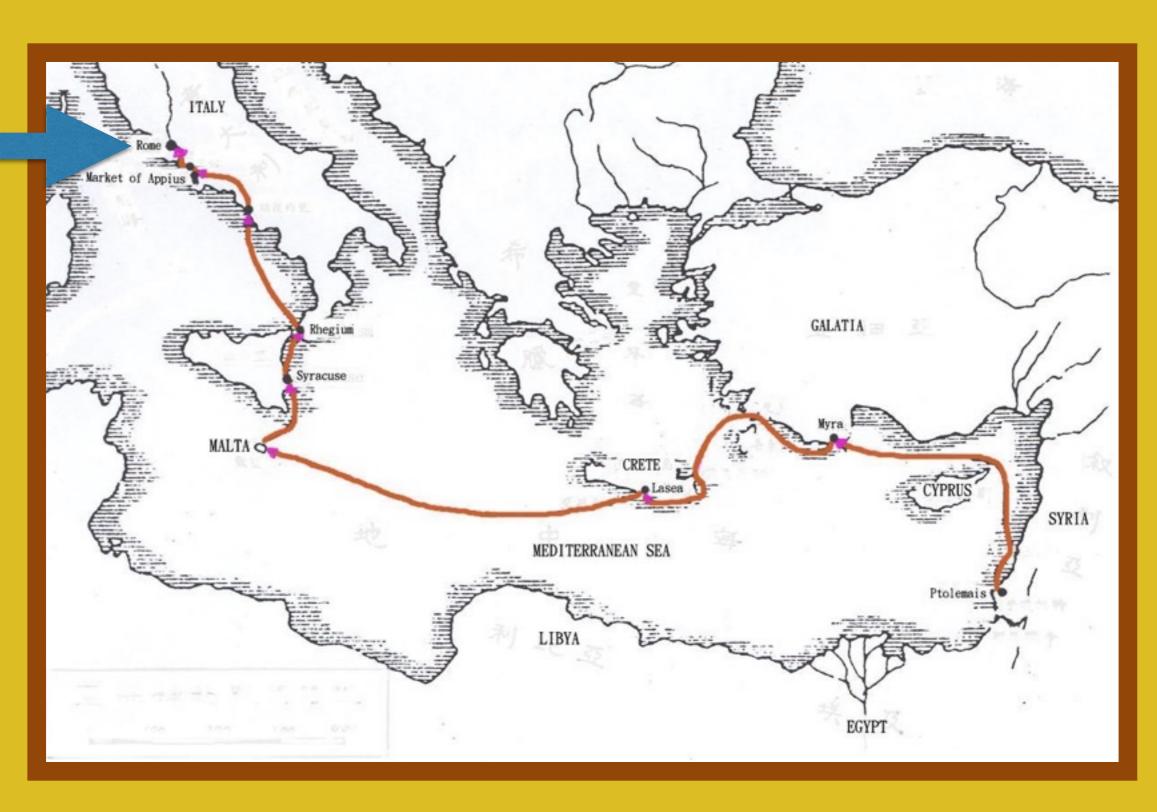
Paul expected acquittal and release (Phil. 1:25, 2:24 and Philemon 1:22)

Paul must have been released before 64 AD when Nero set fire to Rome and persecuted Christians for his own crime.

THE REST OF THE STORY...

ACTS 29, 30, 31 AND 32

ACTS 29—FOURTH MISSIONARY JOURNEY (63-64 AD)



PAUL IN SPAIN?

Paul expressed the intention to go to Spain Romans 15:24-28

The early Christian book 1 Clement also indicates Paul went to Spain circa 63-64 AD

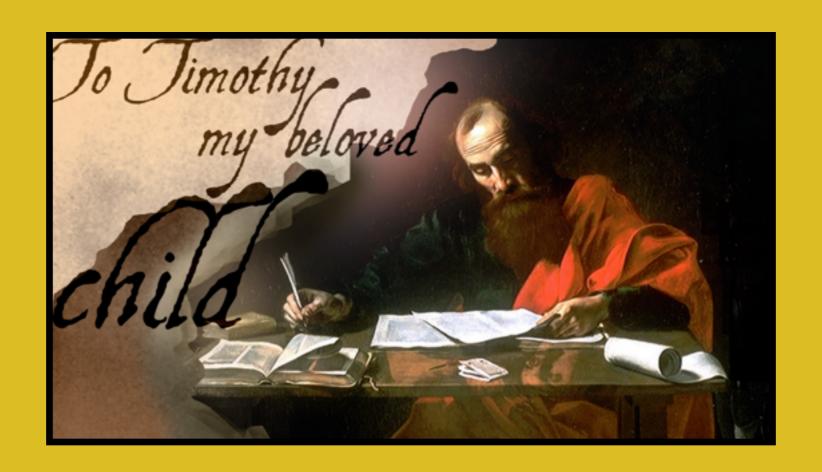
Several other early sources say Paul went to Spain



ACTS 30—FIFTH MISSIONARY JOURNEY? (63-64 AD)



ACTS 31—Paul's Second Imprisonment



66 AD— Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy from prison

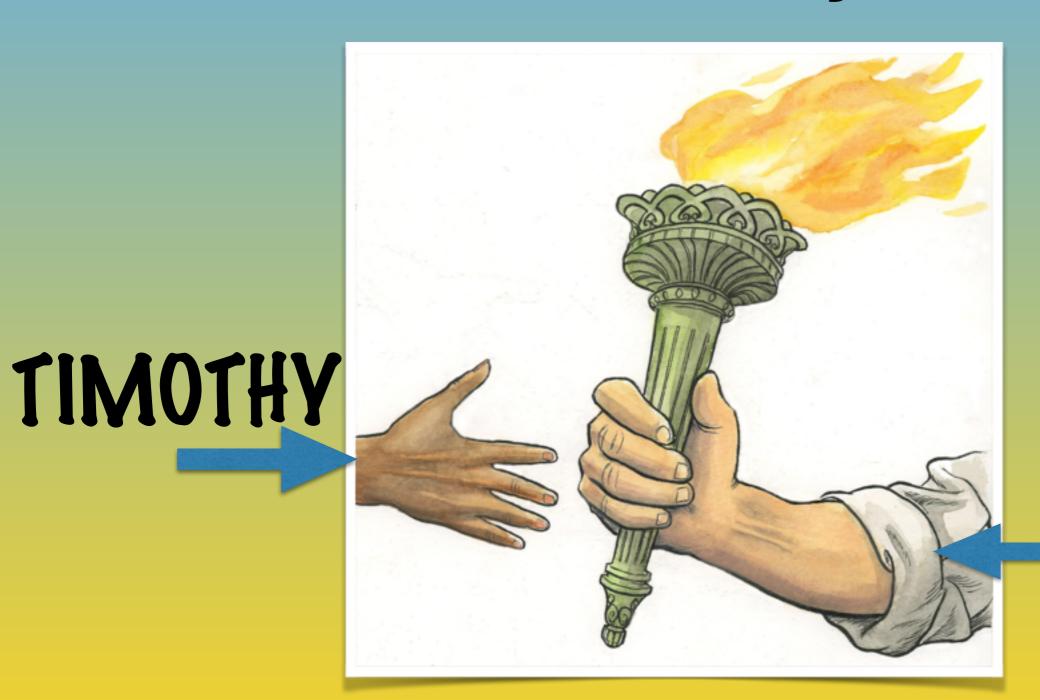
2 Timothy 4:6-8: Paul anticipates his death

ACTS 32—Paul's Execution 67 AD

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

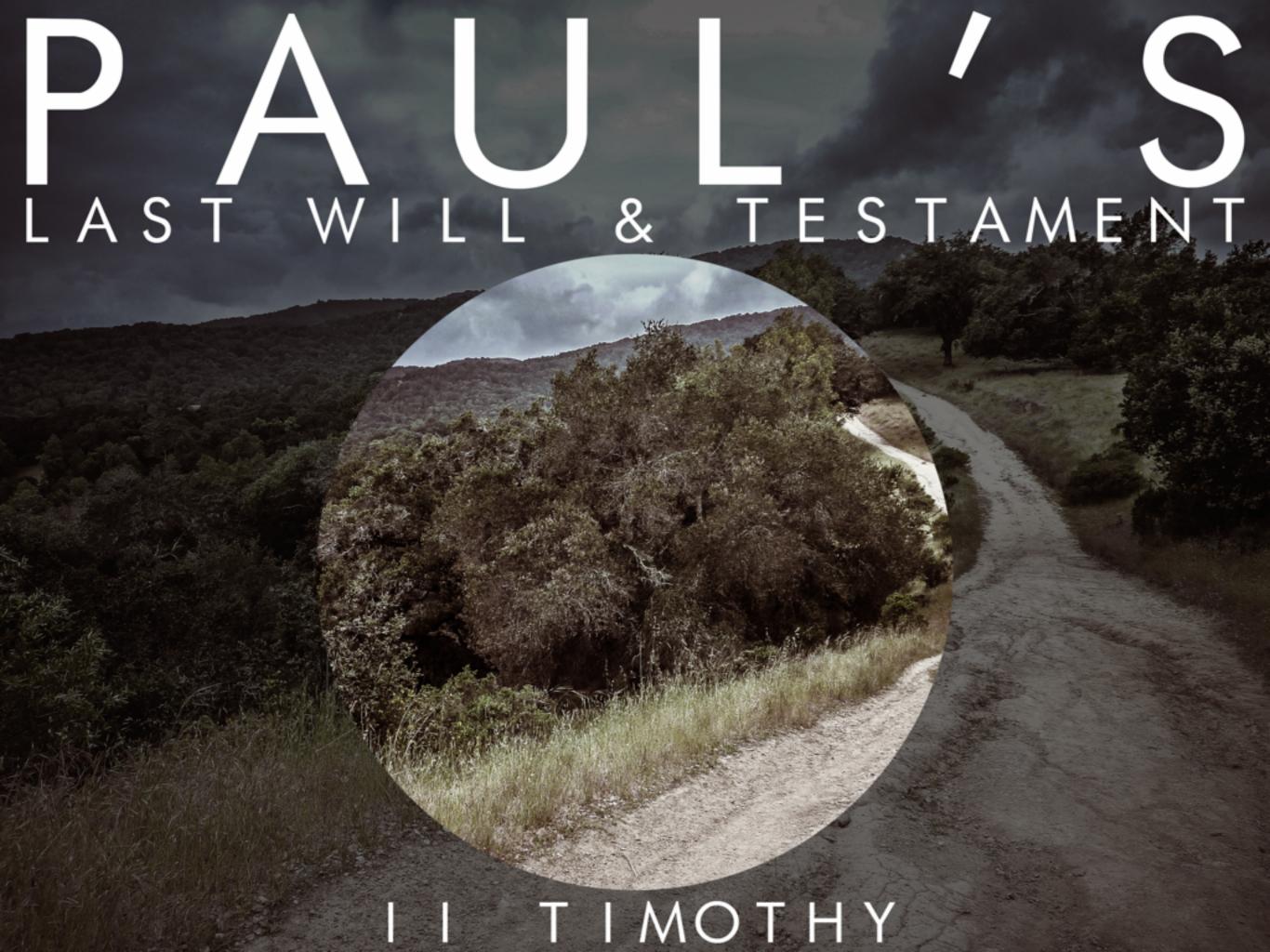
2 Tim 4:6

ACTS 33, 34, 35, 36 etc. etc to 2016 and beyond!



PAUL

INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY



Who was Timothy?

A teenager from Galatia when he met Paul.

His father was Greek, his mother and grandmother Jews.

Timothy's mother and grandmother became believers in Jesus after hearing Paul preach in Lystra on his first missionary journey and taught Timothy about Jesus.

TIMOTHY'S MINISTRY

Paul invited Timothy to accompany him when he returned to Lystra on his second missionary journey.

Timothy helped Paul establish churches in Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea and taught with Paul in Ephesus.

During Paul's first imprisonment, Timothy was there.

TIMOTHY'S MINISTRY

After Paul's release, he and Timothy went to Ephesus to address erroneous teachings about Jesus

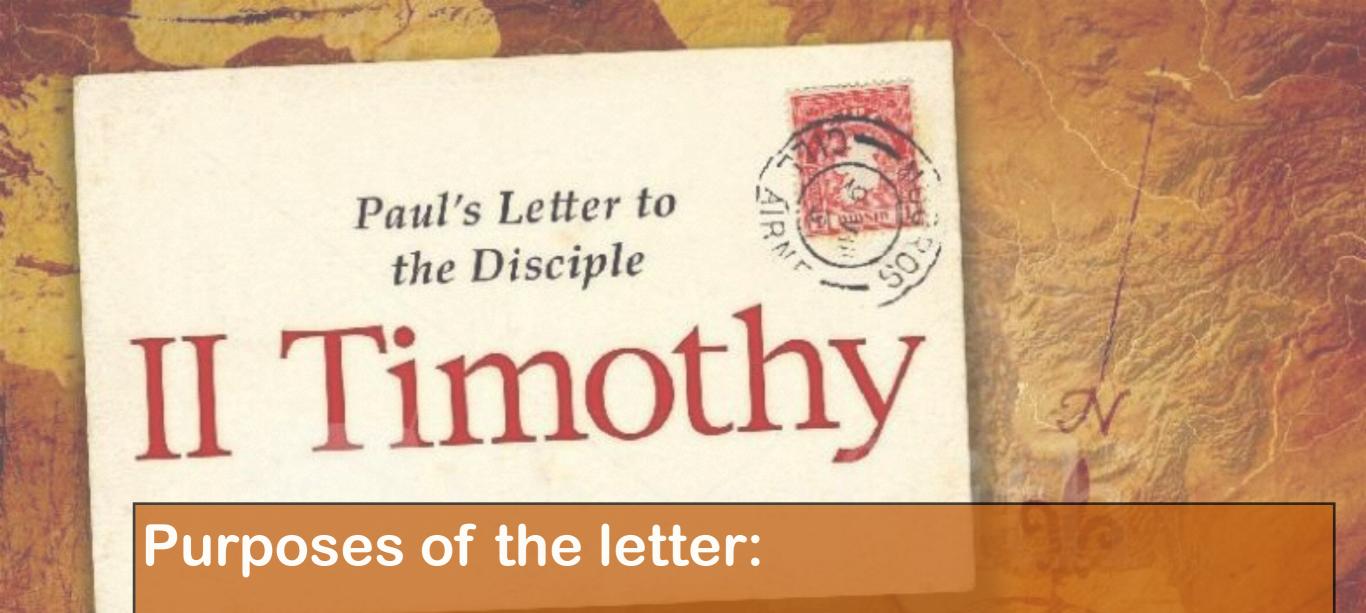
Paul left him in Ephesus and went to Macedonia and wrote his first letter to Timothy to instruct and encourage him around 64 AD from either Rome or Macedonia.

Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy during his second imprisonment, anticipating imminent execution.

TIMOTHY: THE REST OF THE STORY

Church tradition holds that Timothy returned to Ephesus where he continued his ministry until 97 AD.

Timothy was beaten to death by a group of pagans celebrating a feast in Ephesus after he reproved them for their idolatry.



To encourage Timothy in his future ministry with emphasis on sound teaching.

To direct Timothy to come to him in Rome.

WHAT WERE THE FALSE TEACHINGS?

Ongoing interpretation of the Jewish law (1 Tim.1:7)

Placing restrictions on prayer (1 Tim. 2:1-7)

Prohibition of marriage and certain foods (1 Tim. 4:3)

Belief the resurrection of the dead had already happened (2 Tim. 2:18)

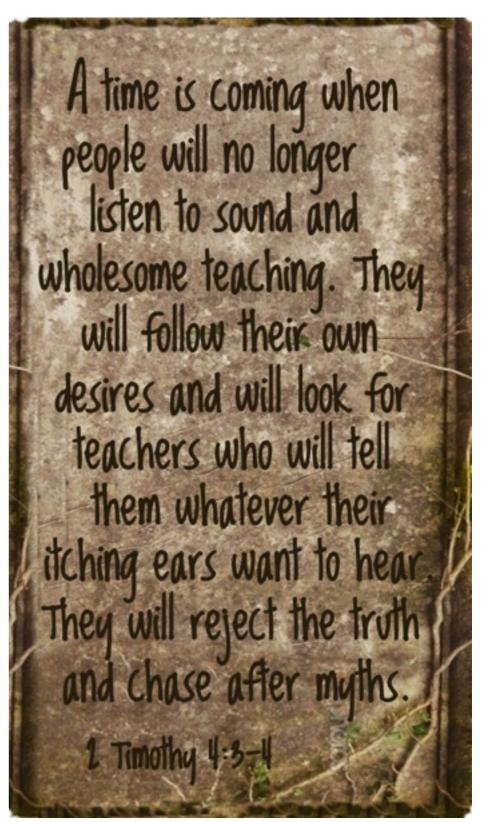
PAUL'S EMPHASIS IN THE LETTER

Christians should allow the gospel to transform their whole life

Teachers of the faith must build up the community in mutual love and support rather than allowing erroneous teaching or behavior to tear it apart.

THE CYCLE CONTINUES....





Applying the lesson in your life

What are your gifts for ministry?

What is handicapping you?

Pray that God will show you how to turn your handicaps into gifts for his glory.



