

2 Timothy 1:6-14

Fearless and on Fire Revisited

In spirit quenching circumstances ...

- I. You Are Filled
 - A. You Have the Material

 - B. Keep it Ablaze

- II. Be Fearless
 - A. You Belong to God

 - B. You Have Examples to Follow

- III. Your God is Faithful
 - A. He Will Keep His Word

 - B. And Keep You

... keep the fire of faith burning.

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Believer, even Christian ministers, need encouragement as we sometimes face circumstances and even people that have the potential of throwing cold water on our faith and quench our joy in serving the Lord. Paul wants to make sure that Timothy keeps his faith and his passion for the Lord lively in the face of tremendous challenges. The message is here for us as well. We were introduced to this same passage last week, but it seemed to me that the further I waded into the message the murkier things got. The clarity I so much desire and strive for just wasn't there. It may feel weird to have the pastor make such an admission, but I like to be forthright. Whether you perceived it or not (and you are probably too kind to mention it if you did!) I was not comfortable with where I left things. If you were there you know I addressed the problem at the time – if you weren't, just pretend I didn't say anything. With that in mind I have chosen to revisit this same passage this week to clarify some muddled points and address some things that were not covered. I pray that the Holy Spirit will help me in my attempt to do justice to this wonderful passage, and that He will help you to gain from listening to the Word preached.

Children, Listen ...

1. What kinds of things can make living for Jesus hard?

2. What are some things we should remember when we are afraid and discouraged?

3. The Bible and the power of the Gospel can never be stopped by people and powers that hate it. How is that possible?