

1 Timothy 1:12–20

Two Key Passages

“As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine.” (1 Timothy 1:3)

“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:14–15)

A Story of Grace (1 Timothy 1:12–17)

“God does not choose anyone who is worthy, but by choosing him renders him worthy.” (Augustine of Hippo)

“But the person who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from among his people.” (Numbers 15:30)

“And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’ And they cast lots to divide his garments.” (Luke 23:34)

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.” (Romans 5:20)

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32)

“Perhaps in the future, someone in the world may hear that the most desperate villain who ever lived repented of his sins and was saved by the power of Christ, and so may come to repent also.” (Tokichi Ishii)

A Call to War (1 Timothy 1:18–20)

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6:12)

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.” (Matthew 18:15–17)

“You are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 5:5)

“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.” (1 Timothy 4:14)

Notes

Discuss

- How does the story of Paul show the patience of Jesus, and what does that mean for your life?
- What is a specific way that 1 Timothy 1:12–17 can help you share your story of grace more faithfully?
- What role do you think you have in our church family of fighting the good fight for the true gospel?

Read

Luke 18:9–14; Acts 21:40–22:21; 24:10–21; Timothy 2:16–18

Pray

- That God will give the members of our church family opportunities to share their stories of grace with people in our community.
- That God will help the members of our church family to fight the good fight for the true gospel.
- That the Holy Spirit will give the members of our church family a deeper appreciation for the patience of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

- Officer Nominations: Due by January 31
- Meeting for Childcare Workers: February 13 at 12:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: February 26 at 8:00am
- Realm (info@fsbcknobs.com for Help): Deadline for Photo Directory is February 28