

Series: Partnership Month (conclusion)

Sermon: This Is Your Reminder

Passage: 2 Timothy 1:3-14

Illustration:

Need: God's people are notorious for misplacing their priorities in His service. In grace He calls us to reengage in His great work!

I. You've been called to a mission

- **Matt. 4:19** - Follow me...I will make you fishers of men.
- **Matt. 28:19-20** - Go & make disciples...teach them what I taught you. REACH & TEACH

(For YouVersion: Insert 1 Timothy 1:3-5 here)

II. Your fire needs your attention. (1 Tim. 1:6-7)

- "The tendency of fire is to go out; watch the fire of your hear. Anyone who has tended a fireplace fire knows that it needs to be stirred up occasionally." William Booth (founder of the Salvation Army)
- We must exercise what God has given us for the furtherance of the gospel.
- God provides us the Power, Courage, and Self-Control. We have nothing to fear!

III. Be bold, there's nothing to be ashamed of. (1 Tim. 1:8a)

- God is equipping us to be bold representatives of His good news.
- Heb. 2:11 - Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters!
- Heb. 11:16 - the Father is not ashamed to be called our God!
- **Rom. 1:16**

IV. Empowered suffering is the way. (1 Tim. 1:8b-12)

- The gospel is a story of our glory through His suffering. We suffer with Him as ambassadors of the gospel through the sufficient power that He gives us.
- Embracing inconvenience for the sake of the gospel is the first step towards embracing suffering.

V. Stay true to the true gospel. (1 Tim. 1:13)

- #1 We are sinners, enemies of God, in need of forgiveness & restoration.
- #2 Jesus Christ (God the Son) became human, lived perfect, & died as our substitute, a sacrifice, on the cross for our sin.
- #3 Jesus was raised from the dead victorious as Savior & Lord to all who will, by faith, believe.
- #4 Believers are called to order their lives by the gospel and proclaim the gospel message to others.

VI. Guard God's deposit in you. (1 Tim. 1:14)

- We instinctively guard the things that are important to us.
- There's nothing more important to the Christian than their gospel calling.
- God the Holy Spirit who dwells within stands guard with us as we prioritize His deposit.

VII. We've got fishing to do! (Mission 12-24-48)

- **Year 1** - 12 hours per year in volunteer gospel ministry outside Oasis Church.
- **Year 2** - 24 hours per year in volunteer gospel ministry outside Oasis Church.
- **Year 3 and beyond** - 48 hours per year in volunteer gospel ministry outside Oasis Church.