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Goodbyes are not easy, but sometimes they are necessary. And what you say in those moments often captures what's most important to you in life—and what you think will most benefit the other person.



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2 Timothy is Paul's goodbye letter to his young apprentice, Timothy. Paul is going to be executed soon, and he knows it. It is his "last will and testament" to the church.





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Paul is preoccupied with the gospel—again.



Guard the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.



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"Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."

2 Timothy 1:14



Endure Hardship for the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.



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"Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus . . . Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead . . . This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained."

2 Timothy 2:3, 8-9



Continue in the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.



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"Evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of."

2 Timothy 3:13-14



Share the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.



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"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus . . . I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

2 Timothy 4:1-4



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Romans: the existing Greek meaning + the joyful announcement of the birth of a new king or the ascension of a new king to the throne



The gospel is the **good news announcement** that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived the life we should have lived, died the death we should have died, and rose again from the dead, sharing his life with all who believe. He ascended into heaven, taking our humanity into the Trinity, and now stands vindicated by his Father, reigns triumphant over the powers of darkness, and is restoring all things.

The gospel of Jesus Christ was "good news" for the Greeks and Romans, and it is "good news" for us, too.



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"The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you." (2 Timothy 4:22)



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