



# THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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# **CHOICES OF A SACRIFICIAL LEADER**

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# **"THREE TIMES I WAS BEATEN WITH RODS"**

- 2 Corinthians 11:25
- This was typical punishment in Roman Colonies – so when were the other two times?
- Choices of a sacrificial leader





# A JAILOR SET FREE

- Acts 16:25-34
- In the absence of a synagogue, they base out of:
  - A “place of prayer” and then the home of a woman of peace
  - A jail and jailor’s household, as a man of peace
- The prayers of the saints converge with the songs of the prisoners, moving God to answer





# A CAPITAL MISTAKE

- Acts 16:35-40
- Illegally beating a Roman Citizen with rods was a capital offense
- Paul's sufferings and later mention of citizenship may have been more intentional and strategic, as the local believers could not pull that card, and this may give them some latitude.
- Choices of a sacrificial leader



# LOOKING BRIEFLY AT *PHILIPPIANS*

- Two best times for us to reference an Epistle:
  - At the time of the team's involvement with them
  - At the later time of authorship
- Writing from prison – Paul accomplished more from prison than most do in a lifetime.



# WHAT CAN WE GLEAN ABOUT THEIR MINISTRY IN PHILIPPI?

- Paul feels no need to appeal to the credential “apostle”, and addresses “overseers and deacons” as part of his target group. (1:1)
  - What title does he use for he and Timothy instead?
  - What about Timothy as a coauthor? Why is he mentioned?
- 1:5-7, 29-30; 2:12; 3:2-3 (and compared to 3:17-21); 4:9, 15-16, 18
- 1:12-13 and 4:22 lend toward the probability of this being written from Paul’s Roman imprisonment.



# WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT TIMOTHY?

- (Besides the important role he had in bearing his name in approval in this apostolic letter)
- Paul uses Jesus, himself, Timothy, and Epaphroditus as examples of sacrificial leadership to which they will do well to imitate (remember who part of his target was)
- Here we have one of the more substantial statements of Paul about Timothy: Philippians 2:19-24.



# PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24

- Timothy was being sent to bring back an encouraging report of the condition of the Philippians
- For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.
- Seeks the interests of Christ Jesus; "proven worth"
- "He served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father."



# LIKE A CHILD SERVING HIS FATHER

- Timothy is the best example (according to Paul) of a true son being raised up in his ministry.
  - Cares about what Jesus cares about, not the cost involved
  - Gladly serving under a father in the Lord (like Elisha)
  - His identity is not wrapped up in his ministry, but his identity is fueled by correct relationship in the Body to a father



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