

APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON


2 Timothy
letter from the end of
a life well lived

Chapter 4

Question

Do you remember Paul's final orders given to Timothy in the beginning of chapter 4?

Preach the word, in season
and out of season!

- Correct
- Rebuke
- Encourage

**Do this with great patience
and careful instruction*

Preach the word, in season and
out of season!

- Keep your head in all situations
- Endure hardship
- Do the work of an evangelist
- Discharge all the duties of your ministry

Question

Do you remember why
Paul is giving this
command to Timothy?

2 Timothy 4: 3-4 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

2 Timothy 4: 3-4 (NIV)

*They will turn their ears away
from the truth and turn aside
to myths.*

2 Timothy 4: 6 (NIV)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

Question

What does it mean to be poured out like a drink offering?

(Numbers 15:1–10; 28:1–8).
After a priest would sacrifice a
lamb, ram, or bull, he would
pour wine beside the altar.
This symbolized the dedication
of a person in worship to God.

Paul's life was being poured out as an act of worship on behalf of those he served. Even if his imprisonment ended in death, he could have joy regarding his life that had been poured out in service to God.

The drink offering and death, or end of service, was closely associated.

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Question

What departure do you think Paul is talking about?

Question

Why do you think Paul feels his time is near?

2 Timothy 4: 7 (NIV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Question

What fight is Paul
talking about?

Romans 8: 7 (NIV)

*The mind governed by the flesh **is hostile to God**; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.*

James 4: 4 (NIV)

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore,
anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Genesis 3: 15 (NLT)

*And **I will cause hostility**
between you and the
woman, and between your
offspring and her
offspring. He will strike your
head, and you will strike his
heel.”*

John 15: 18 (NLT)

*If the world hates you,
remember that it hated me
first.*

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Question

How much time does an Olympic athlete spend in training?

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Short track speed skater Jessica Kooreman told Shape that she trains six days a week, for eight hours each day. As she nears big competitions, Kooreman will add a second daily session into the mix, focusing more on weight training and time on the ice.

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Question

What is the importance of keeping the faith?

Luke 9: 62 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Question

What do you want your
legacy to be?

2 Timothy 4: 7 (NIV)

*I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have
kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4: 8 (NIV)

*Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, **but also to all who have longed for his appearing.***

Question

Who longs for Jesus to
return?

2 Timothy 4: 9-10 (NIV)

*Do your best to come to me quickly, **for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me** and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.*

Colossians 4: 14 (NIV)

*Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and **Demas** send greetings.*

Philemon 1: 24 (NIV)

*And so do Mark, Aristarchus,
Demas and Luke, my fellow
workers.*

2 Timothy 4: 11 (NIV)

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

Question

Do you remember how
Paul felt about Mark
earlier?

Acts 15: 36-39 (NIV)

*Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” **Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,***

Acts 15: 36-39 (NIV)

but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,

2 Timothy 4: 12-13 (NIV)

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When you come, **bring the
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2 Timothy 4: 14-15 (NIV)

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*You too should be on your
guard against him, because
he strongly opposed our
message.*

Question

Why are the metal
workers attacking the
Christians?

Question

Please turn to
Acts 19: 23-24

Acts 19: 23-24 (NIV)

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there.

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Who avenges those
harmed in the name of
Christ?

Question

Please turn to

2 Thessalonians 1: 4-6

2 Thessalonians 1: 4-6 (NIV)

Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

2 Thessalonians 1: 4-6 (NIV)

*All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. **God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you***

2 Timothy 4: 16 (NIV)

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Roman law typically gave prisoners a preliminary hearing before a full trial. Paul had to make his defense without his fellow believers there for support.

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Question

Why did everyone desert
Paul?

This was likely due to the fact that Christians were blamed by Nero for a series of fires in Rome in the summer of 64 AD, and anyone who stood by Paul at his first defense would likely have been jailed along with him.

Question

Was Paul ever alone?

2 Timothy 4: 17 (NIV)

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Question

What does it mean to be delivered from the lions mouth?

2 Timothy 4: 18 (NIV)

The Lord will rescue me
from every evil attack and
will bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Question

What is Paul saying?

He is soon to be killed so
how will the Lord deliver
him from every evil
attack?

2 Timothy 4: 18 (NIV)

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

2 Timothy 4: 19 (NIV)

*Greet Priscilla and Aquila
and the household of
Onesiphorus.*

2 Timothy 4: 20 (NIV)

*Erastus stayed in Corinth,
and **I left Trophimus sick
in Miletus.***

Acts 20: 1-4 (NIV)

When the uproar had ended, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said goodbye and set out for Macedonia. He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece, where he stayed three months.

Acts 20: 1-4 (NIV)

Because some Jews had plotted against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.

Acts 20: 1-4 (NIV)

*He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and **Trophimus** from the province of Asia.*

Acts 21: 29 (NIV)

*They had previously seen **Trophimus** the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple.*

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Acts 19: 11-12

Acts 19: 11-12 (NIV)

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Why could Paul not heal
Trophimus?

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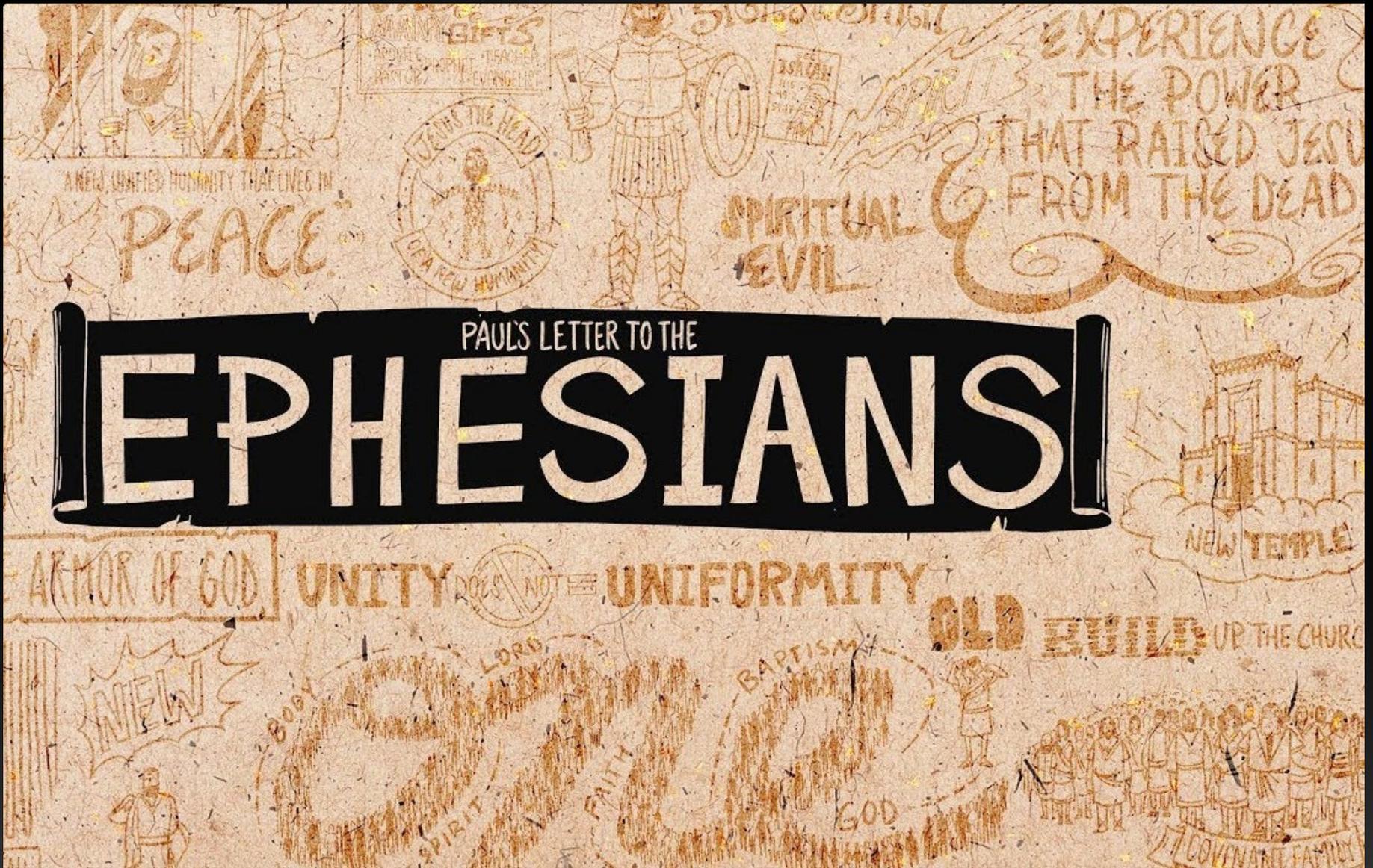
2 Timothy 4: 21 (NIV)

Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

2 Timothy 4: 22 (NIV)

*The Lord be with your spirit.
Grace be with you all.*

Based on historical events of the day, it is likely that Paul was beheaded shortly after writing this last letter to Timothy, possibly around the same time that Peter was crucified. It is believed both apostles were caught up in Nero's attacks on Christians following the great fire in Rome.



A NEW UNITED HUMANITY THAT LIVES IN
PEACE



**SPIRITUAL
EVIL**

**EXPERIENCE
THE POWER
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FROM THE DEAD**

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
EPHESIANS

ARMOR OF GOD

UNITY DOES NOT MEAN UNIFORMITY



NEW TEMPLE

OLD BUILD UP THE CHURCH

NEW



COVENANT FAMILY