**Scripture** | 1 Timothy 1:3-11 | Timothy charged to oppose false teachers

This passage is as relevant in today’s culture as it was then. What’s happening is Paul is writing to his “true son in faith” Timothy. Paul is urging Timothy to stay put and reinforce what the church is doing. Paul is concerned that some teachers are trying with good conscious, however the lack of experience and knowledge limits or lets them teach things that are not true. Paul is more concerned with educating them then getting them out of authority, I believe Paul is doing this because he believes they are doing to advance His Kingdom but don’t have the proper knowledge. I believe that this is also true in today’s world where someone is trying to spread the gospel but without proper knowledge and training, they end up doing harm.

Paul is also letting Timothy know why he wants him to stay their, I believe this is important because instead of Paul demanding him to stay without reason, he gives Timothy a very clear and important job with communication on why its important!

**Observation(s)**

* Paul is urging Timothy to stay in Ephesus
* Paul is wanting Timothy to essentially “fact” check all of the religious leaders and what they are saying
* Paul is concerned that the teachers are preaching things they have not studied or do not know much about
* Paul is calling Timothy a son which is a huge deal in that culture
* Paul trust Timothy enough to not only give him all the reasons in confidence, but also to be in authority and ensure the Gospel is being preached!

**Application**

* Don’t be discouraged when asked to stay in an area!
* Fact check your information always! Even though people have good intentions they might not be right
* Study what you are learning about, don’t always take things just by ear
* Find a mentee, like Timothy, that you can pour into!
* God puts people in your life to trust, trust them!

**Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that I would never be discouraged when I am in a season of staying. I pray that if ever given the opportunity, encouragement, or order to stay in an area whether that be location or vocation that I would accept it as your will and would do it to my best! I pray that I would always check information with You and the Holy Spirit that I would never be misled! I pray for Wisdom from the Holy Sprit to discern what is your voice!

In Your Holy Amazing Name,

Amen.

Thanks!  
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