



# *1 Timothy*

FAITH, LEADERSHIP AND LIVING WITH PURPOSE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Faithful And Focused (1 Timothy 1.1-11)

SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

## ICEBREAKER



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IF GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE WERE A 3 COURSE MEAL, WHAT ORDER WOULD THEY BE? WHICH ONE WOULD BE THE APPETIZER, THE MAIN MEAL, AND THE DESSERT?

### INTRODUCTION

- Pastor Mike broke down the culture of Ephesus during the time that Timothy was there pastoring. It was very broken and godless. Then he gave encouragement, that even in that extreme environment God sent the Church to reach those that were lost. Is there somebody that God reached that you thought was too far from gone?

### GOD GIVES US GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE.V.1-2

Read 1 Tim. 1:1-2. Pastor Mike gave us the biblical definition of Grace, Mercy and Peace.

**Grace from God** - this is the POWER that God gives to live for Him.

**Mercy from God** - this is the PARDON that God gives when we mess up.

**Peace from God** - this is the PRESENCE and PEACE that God gives to us.

- What are some misconceptions that you have had in the past about God's grace and mercy?
- Have you found yourself more often asking for God's mercy (His pardon) rather than seeking God's Grace (His power) to serve him well?

## WE WILL STAY FOCUSED AND STAY FAITHFUL– V.3-7

**Read 1 Tim. 1:3-5** Pastor Mike stated “if it’s causing me to lose my peace...my focus on Jesus... or causing division in the Body of Christ, it’s not what I want to spend my energies on.”

- Do you take your time to really measure what you are allowing to influence your theology? How?
- Pastor Mike really encouraged us to have a Godly mentor in our life. Share a time or season in your life where you have had a mentor or have been a mentor similar to the Paul and Timothy Relationship.

**Read 1 Tim. 1:6-7** Pastor Mike made the distinction between LOOSING your salvation and WALKING AWAY from your salvation.

- Has there ever been a time in your life where you felt you walked away from your faith? How did you come back into relationship with Christ?

## THE WORD IS OUR GUARDRAIL WITH GOD – V.8-11

**Read 1 Tim. 1:8-11** The law isn’t for the lawful it is for the lawless.

- As a believer are there parts of the “Law” (the 10 Commandments) that are hard/easy for you?
- Is following the “law” more of a heart thing (natural) or a head thing (checklist) for you?
- What are your thoughts on Pastor Mike’s breakdown and progression of the 3 postures of sin?

Lawless and Disobedient - I’m not willing to follow the rules

Ungodly and Sinners - I’m not willing to follow God, I’m my own god.

Unholy and Profane - I’m evil, inspired by the devil, full of evil and flesh.

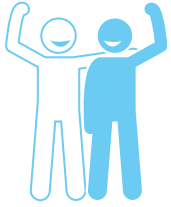
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ACT ON IT

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## ENCOURAGE

If God can move in a city like ancient Ephesus—full of confusion, idolatry, and darkness—He can move in any place, including our lives, families, and communities. Don't ever think that someone is too far from God to change. Keep praying, keep trusting, because nothing is too hard for God! Let's remember that we are called to teach and live out the truth of the Gospel, to keep our eyes on Jesus, and to stay rooted in His Word. Life can pull us in many directions, but if we remain focused on Jesus—His grace, mercy, and peace—we can live lives that honor Him and make a real difference in the world around us.



## ASK

Will you live your life with Faith in the Gospel of Jesus, with confidence in the Word of God, with focus on Jesus in every area of your life? Will you walk in the grace of God – the Power of God? When you make mistakes and misalign from God, will you seek the mercy of God – and NOT try to compromise and change God's desire for you? Will you know the Lord and focus on Jesus, and find the peace of God that comes from a life under Jesus?



## CHALLENGE

The church in Ephesus was clearly violating many of the laws of God. We challenge you today to take a deeper look into the 10 Commandments. Spend some time with the Holy Spirit and ask Him to reveal what area of your life is falling short in the laws God laid out for us. What next step are you going to take to turn that area of your life around and follow God's will for your life?

PRAYER

Dear Lord, we pray that you allow the Holy Spirit to guide our steps and keep us in line with the grace you have given us. Please provide your mercy when we don't get it right. Give us peace and hope as we live by your guidance established through the word of God. May we forever be in your grace, mercy, and peace. - Amen