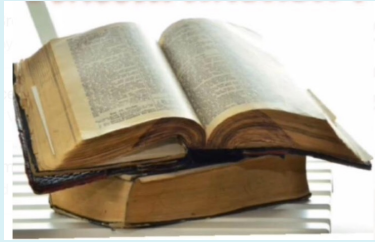


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# Paul's Testimony

<sup>12</sup> And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

<sup>13</sup> Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

<sup>14</sup> And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

<sup>16</sup> Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

# Paul's salvation experience

Paul met the Lord on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)

**LIFE BEFORE GOD → ENCOUNTER WITH GOD → CHANGED LIFE**

Paul sinned in ignorance (13)

Paul saved by **God's mercy** and **abundant grace** (13, 14)

(mercy = not punished for his sins)

(grace = not by his works, God's undeserved favor on Paul)

## **Ephesians 2:8**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

# Paul's Testimony (15)

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“Faithful saying” also found in I Timothy 3:1, 4:9, II Tim 2:11, Titus 3:8

## **The Gospel**

- We are born sinners (all have sinned, Romans 3:23)
- Jesus came (born in a manger, crucified, rose again)
- Sinners saved (even chief of sinners can be saved)
  - Believe and be saved (Acts 16:31)

## Gift of God

**ROMANS 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Salvation is a gift of God** offered to everyone (John 3:16) ... it cannot be earned through works (Romans 6:23)

**ROMANS 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**ROMANS 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

**Man sins,  
Jesus saves!**

# Paul chosen & enabled by God to fulfill the mission

Paul was **chosen** by the Lord for a divine mission

His past was not a hindrance to being chosen (blasphemer, persecutor, injurious (13))

Paul was chosen for ministry as he was **faithful** (12)

(God looks for faithfulness as an important quality in his workers)

Paul **enabled** by the Lord to complete the mission

(it is God who empowers and equips us for His work)

- ❑ **Grace of God** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (I Corinthians 15:10)
- ❑ **Holy Spirit** “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 9:17)
- ❑ **Prayers and support** of fellow believers (see for example, Romans 16)

# Paul's humility

## Least of the apostles (1 Corinthians 15:9)

- For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

## Less than the least of all saints (Ephesians 3:8)

- Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

## Chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:5)



# Why was Paul saved?

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Paul an example & a pattern of God's grace and mercy for all sinners (including pious Jews)

- If Paul could be saved, anyone can be saved
- If Paul can be chosen and used mightily, so can any saved person

**II Timothy 1:9** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

# Paul's worship (17)

True Testimony leads to True Worship

# Paul's Worship

**17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**King** – Jesus, eternal King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16)

**Immortal** – before beginning of times to eternity

**Invisible** - Jesus is image of invisible God (Colossians 1:15)

**Only (Wise) God**

**To Him we offer our worship** and attribute honor and glory for ever!

- Now **unto God** and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Philippians 4:20)
- **Unto him** be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Ephesians 3:21)
- **To whom** be glory for ever and ever (Galatians 1:5)



Paul:  
A changed life!

Only an encounter with the  
Living God can transform our  
life.

**Have you met the Lord Yet?**

**Have you confessed and  
repented of your sins?**

Romans  
1 & 11 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 & 2 Thessalonians  
1 & 2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon



II Corinthians 5:17 ... If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new



# Charge to Timothy reinforced (18-20)

## Charge to Timothy Reinforced

**18** This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

**19** Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

**20** Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

“Fight the  
good fight”

Truth and  
Gospel are  
worth fighting  
for!

Timothy, a timid person, to become a warrior to protect the true doctrine and gospel!

- Fight against false teachers
- Hold on to faith and good conscience
- Persevere and not give up... stay on at Ephesus regardless of challenges
- Be faithful to the prophecies to fight
  - Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery (I Timothy 4:14)
  - Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands (II Timothy 1:6)



“Fight the  
good fight of  
faith” ...

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We are all called to fight a good fight!

Paul’s testimony “**I have fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:” (II Timothy 4:7)

# The war and our weapons

## II Corinthians 10:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

## Ephesians 6:11-17

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the **whole armour of God**,

- ... **belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of spirit God**

# Consequences of departing from faith

<sup>19</sup> Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Some have rejected faith (or trust in God) and good conscience (or striving to live a blameless life)

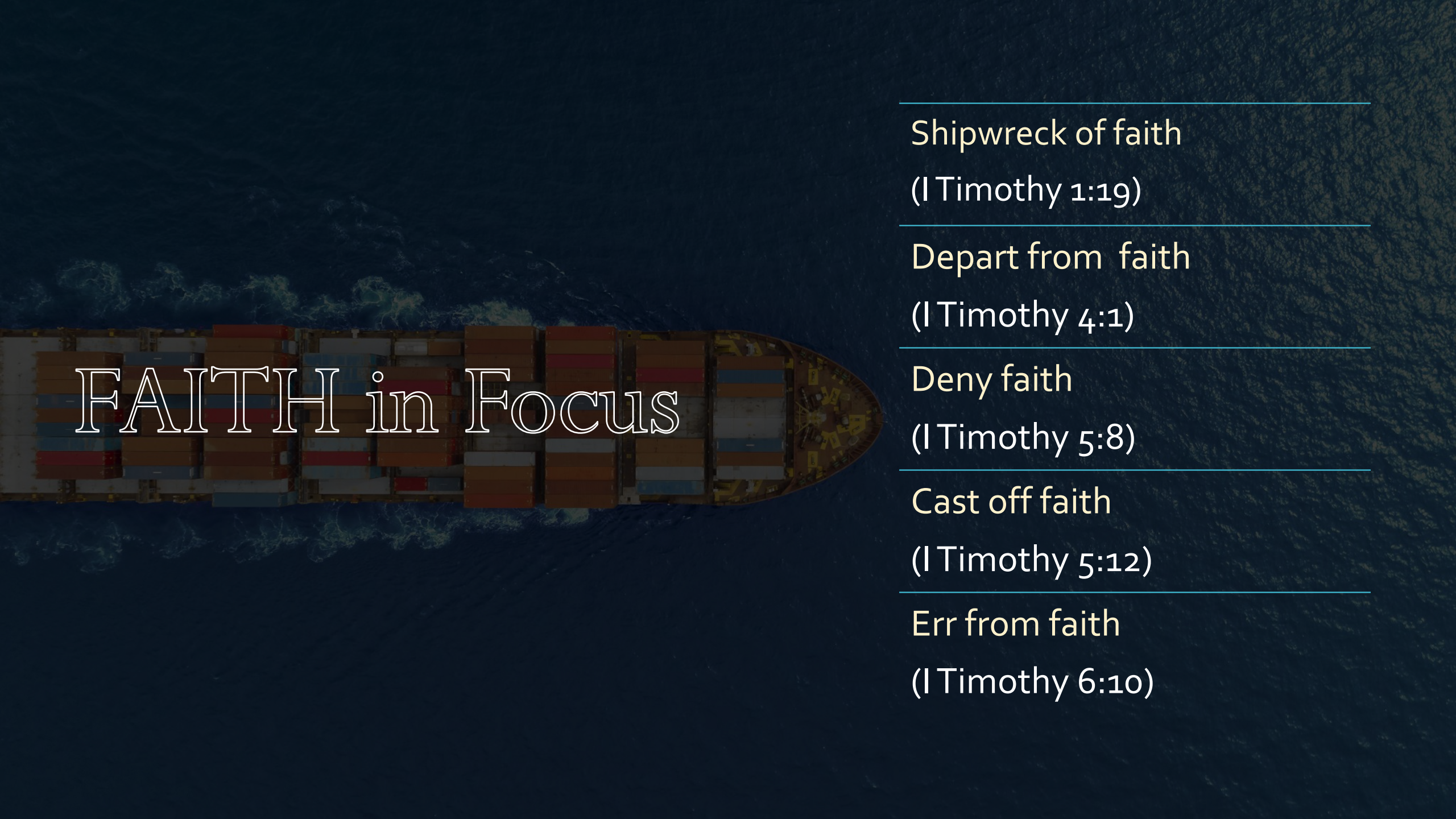
Consequence: Big loss ... Shipwreck of faith and lives

Unrepentant believers Disciplined in church to protect the true doctrine and gospel, and testimony of church, and the believer

Excommunication (I Corinthians 5:1-5, Mathew 18:15-17)

Death (Ananias & Sapphira, Acts 5)

**Discipline is for correction and not condemnation** (20). Expectation is that sinner will repent and be restored back into fellowship.



# FAITH in Focus

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Shipwreck of faith

(I Timothy 1:19)

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Depart from faith

(I Timothy 4:1)

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Deny faith

(I Timothy 5:8)

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Cast off faith

(I Timothy 5:12)

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Err from faith

(I Timothy 6:10)

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