

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

**“What Genuine Faith
Looks Like”**
(2 Timothy 1:1-7)



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INTRODUCTION

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■ TIME OF WRITING:

- ◆ Paul wrote this book during his 2nd Roman Imprisonment 66-68 AD

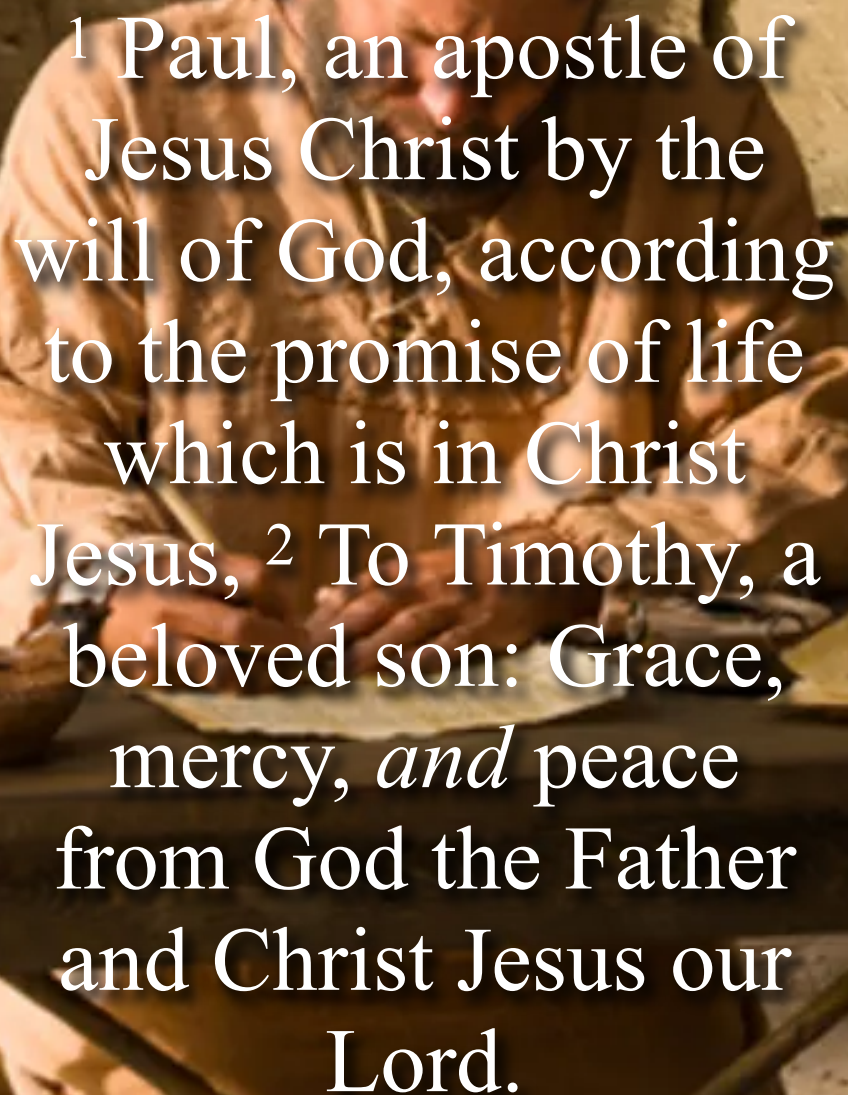
■ DATE: 66-68 AD

- ◆ 1 Timothy = 63
- ◆ AD Titus = 65 AD
- ◆ 2 Timothy = 66 AD

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■ After being released, Paul visited Ephesus (where he left Timothy), went on to Macedonia (1 Timothy 1:3), visited Crete (where he left Titus), and went on to Nicopolis in Achaia (southern Greece, see Titus 3:12), and wrote the letter to Titus.

■ He visited Troas (2 Timothy 4:13) when he was again arrested, and underwent his second Roman imprisonment; this time, he was in chains, treated as a criminal (2 Timothy 1:16).

■ From this Roman prison, Paul wrote 2 Timothy, and sometime shortly thereafter, he was put to death (2 Timothy 4:6-8), probably by being beheaded.

Outline of 2 Timothy

I. Salutation (1:1, 2).

II. Thanksgiving (1:3-5).

A. For Timothy whom he remembers in his prayers (1:3)

B. For Timothy whom he desires to see (1:4).

C. For Timothy's faith and heritage (1:5).

III. Exhortations (1:6-12).

A. Stir up the gift that is in thee (1:6).

B. Be not ashamed of the gospel (1:8).

C. Saved according to his purpose and grace (1:9-12).

IV. Solemn Charge (1:13, 14).

V. Paul's Associates (1:15-18).

VI. Different Aspects of Strength Illustrated (2:1-6).

A. Passing the torch from father to son (2:1, 2).

B. Strong as a soldier (2:3, 4).

C. Strong as an athlete (2:5).

D. Strength gained as a farmer (2:6).

VII. The Cross before the Crown (2:7-13).

A. Christ suffered before he was crowned (2:7, 8).

B. Paul also suffers before the reward (2:9, 10).

C. We also must suffer before the reward (2:11-13).

VIII. A Workman Approved of God (2:14-19).

A. Study for approval and to avoid shame (2:14, 15).

B. Shun profane and vain babblings (2:16-18).

C. The foundation of God standeth sure (2:19).

IX. A Vessel unto Honor (2:20-26).

X. Warning of Perilous Times (3:1-9).

XI. Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13).

A. Paul's suffering in spite of his faithfulness (3:10, 11).

B. So must all who are faithful suffer (3:12).

C. Evil men will continue (3:13).

XII. The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

A. Must test our standard (3:14, 15).

B. The all-sufficiency of the Scriptures (3:16, 17).

XIII. Paul's Final Charge (4:1-5).

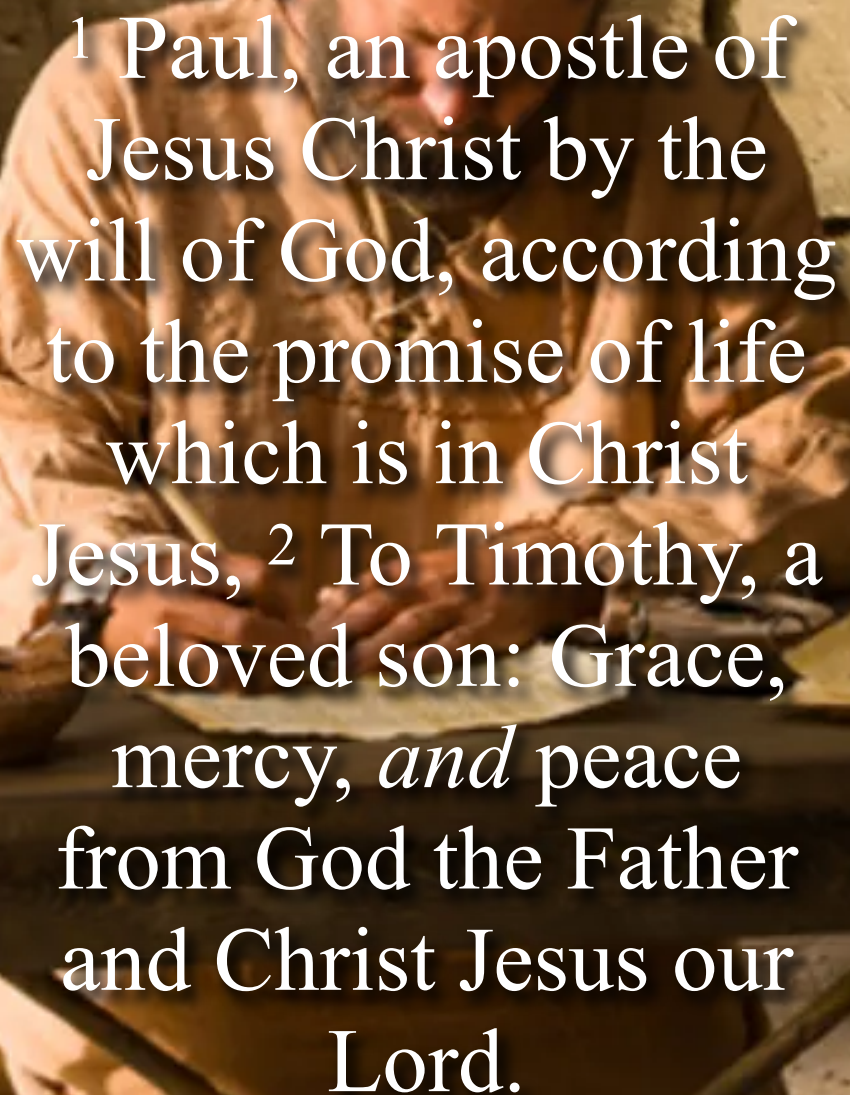
XIV. Paul's Triumph (4:6-8).

XV. Personal Matters (4:9-22).

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■ EPISTLE SUMMARIZED:

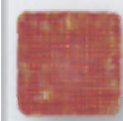
- Paul’s Concern for Timothy (1:6-8, 12; 2:3; 3:10-12)
- Paul’s Concern for the Church (3:1-8; cf. Acts 20:28-30)
- The Need for Strict Adherence to the Gospel (1:13; 2:1, 2, 15; 3:15-17; 4:1-5).
- Paul’s Farewell (4:6-8)

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VERSES 1,2:



Paul’s AUTHORITY (1a)



Paul’s HOPE (1b)



Paul’s MESSAGE (2)

All three of these points emphasize the need for Timothy to adhere strictly to the instructions Paul gives!

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- ◆ Paul affirms his sincerity and implies that such was an attribute of a long line of ancestors (cf. Acts 23:1; 22:3; Phil. 3:5, 6; 1 Tim. 1:13).
- ◆ Opposite of what Paul’s critics often claimed, Paul’s present preaching was in fulfillment of the true faith of his forefathers—even the promise made to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)
- ◆ Paul expresses his thankfulness for Timothy’s unfeigned faith (5)

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- ◆ For the memories of the young man he had come to love so dearly and whom he prayed for constantly ((3,4).
- ◆ For Timothy's love - Paul had a great desire to see Timothy, mindful of his tears which were an expression of his love (compare Acts 20:37)
- ◆ For the joy they would share the next time they were together. - Later Paul instructs Timothy to “*be diligent and come to me quickly*” (9,13)

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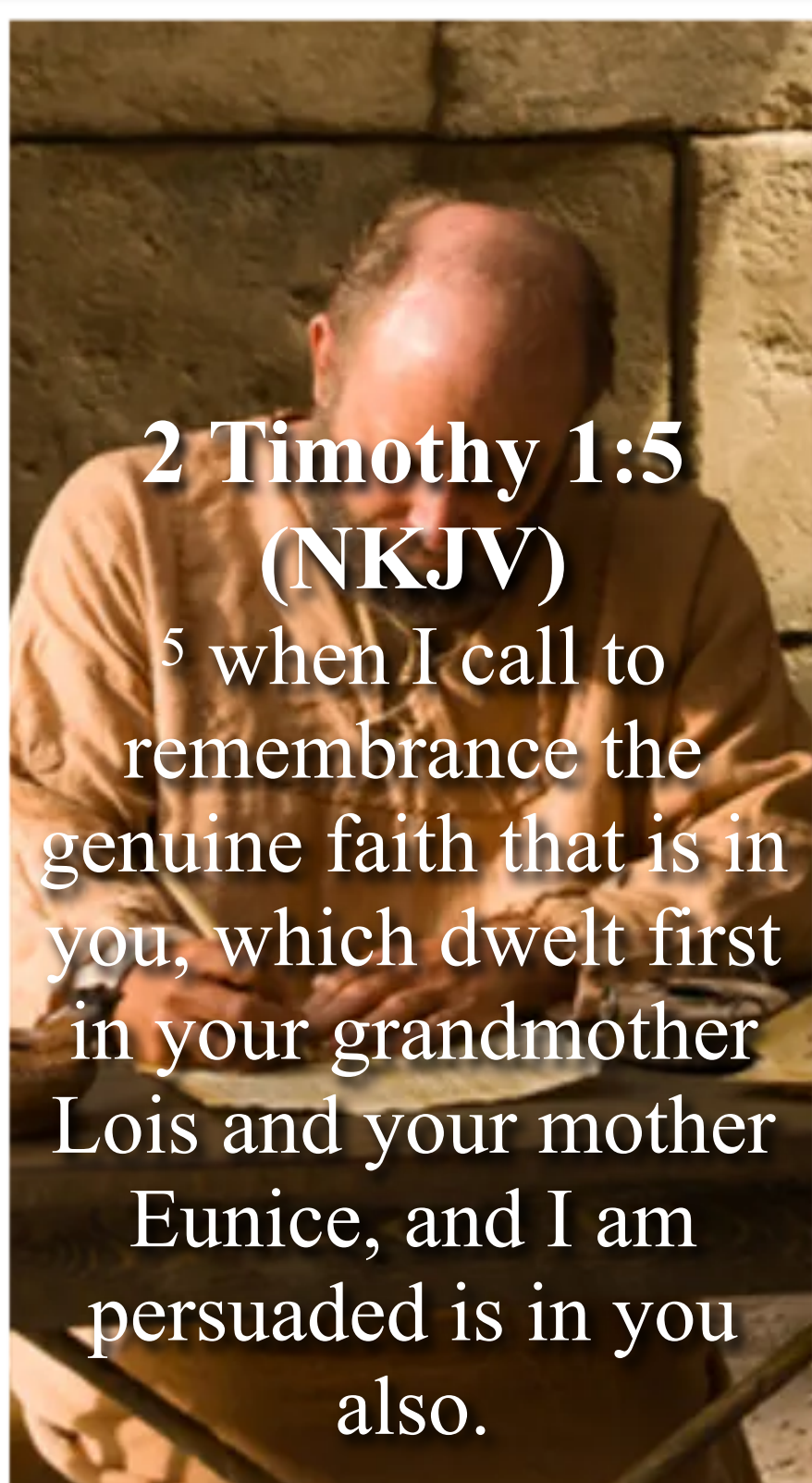


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- TIMOTHY’S GENUINE FAITH
- ◆ GENUINE: Not hypocritical / sincere
- ◆ Timothy’s faith was a third generation example of “genuine faith” — Lois, Timothy’s grandmother and Eunice, Timothy’s mother, were both faithful to the Lord and taught Timothy the scriptures from the time he was a child (2 Tim. 3:15; cf. Acts 16:1-3).
- ◆ Paul had been convinced of Timothy’s genuine faith because Timothy had proved himself faithful!

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Lois, Eunice and Timothy were probably converted during Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 14:19, 20).

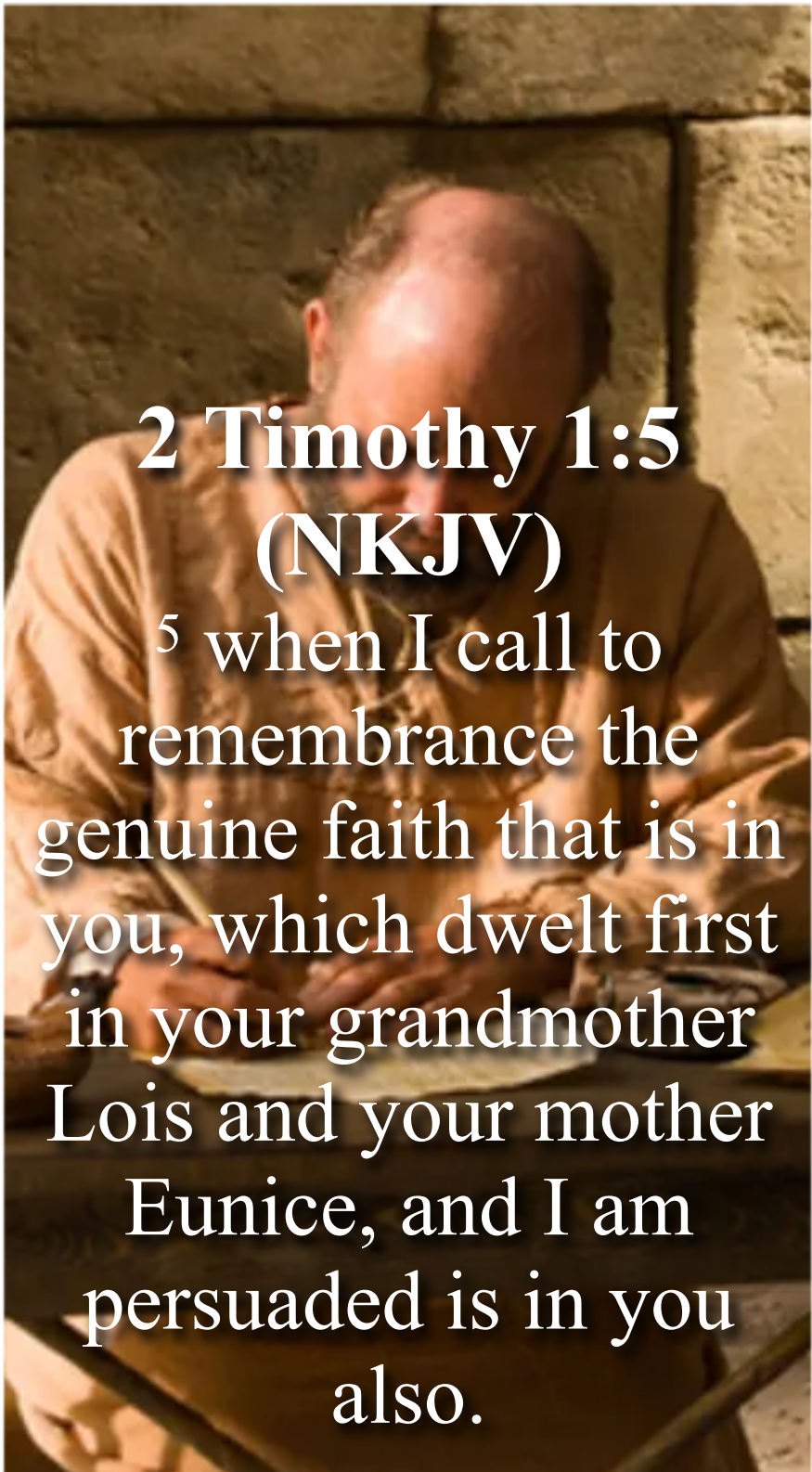


Timothy had personal and full knowledge of Paul's persecutions and afflictions which he suffered at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra (2 Tim. 3:10, 11).



From Lystra, Timothy traveled with Paul throughout the whole of his second journey (Acts 16:6-18:11; 1 Thess. 3:1, 2).

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On Paul's 3rd journey, Timothy was with him in Ephesus & later sent on a special mission to Macedonia & Achaia (Ac 19:21, 22; 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10, 11).



After his return, we find him with Paul in Macedonia where he wrote Second Corinthians (2 Cor. 1:1).

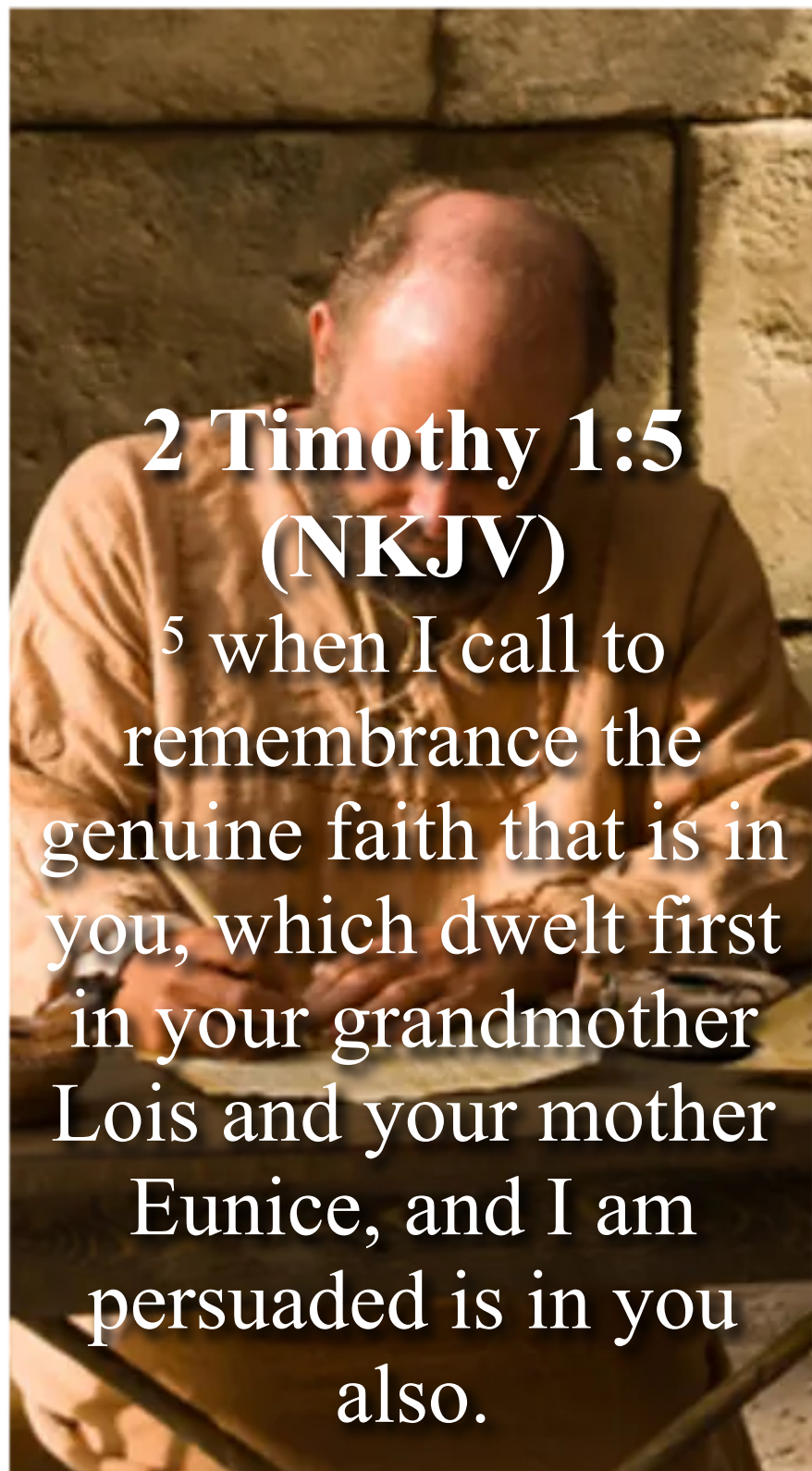


The following winter was spent with Paul in Corinth where Paul wrote Romans (Acts 20:1-3; Rom. 16:21).



Timothy also accompanied Paul on his return to Jerusalem at the end of his third journey (Acts 20:3-5).

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“mine own son in the faith” (1 Tim. 1:2)



“my dearly beloved son” (2 Tim. 1:2);

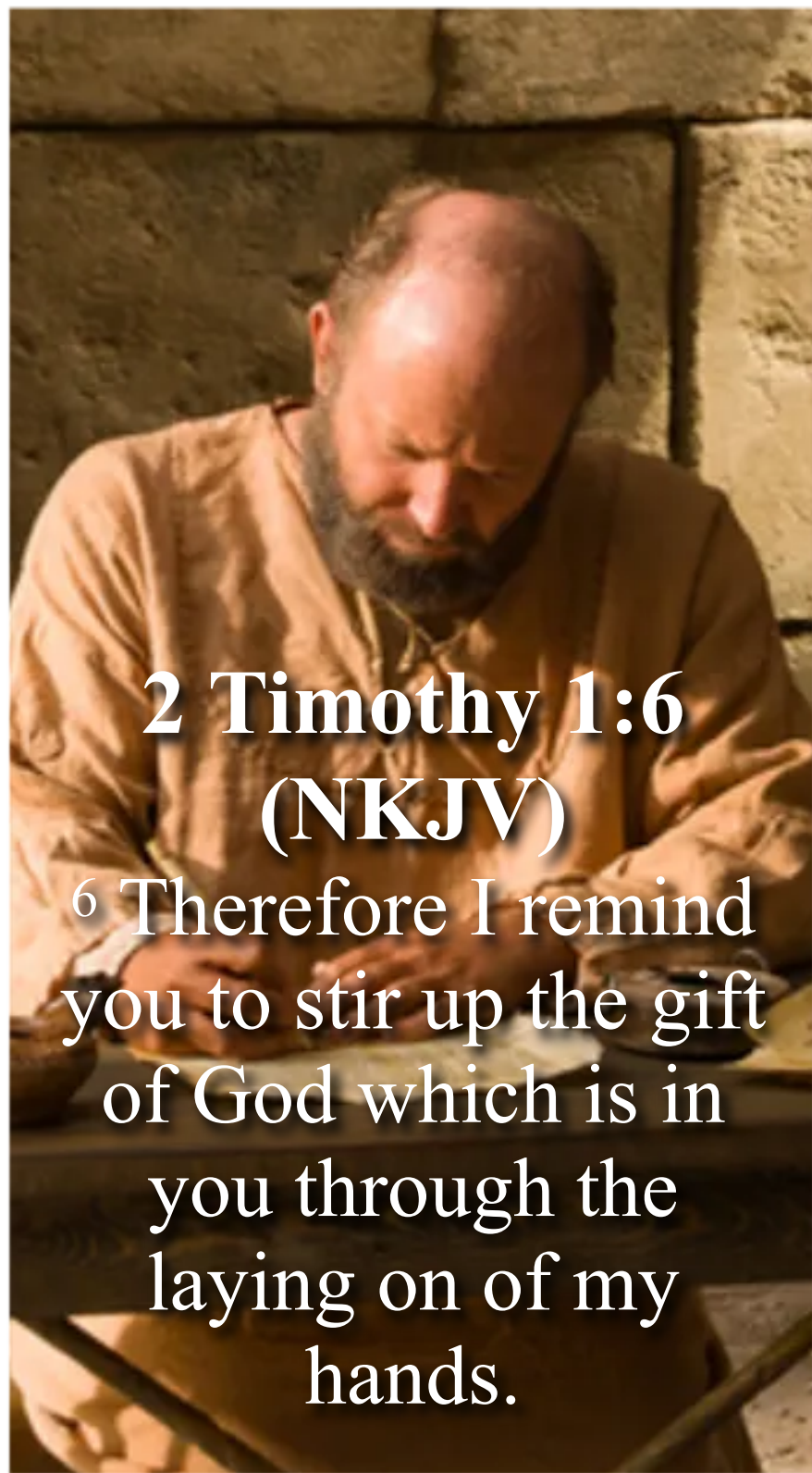


“my son” (2 Tim. 2:1).

Philippians 2:19–22 (NKJV)

¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. ²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

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TIMOTHY'S GIFT



Tis gift is mentioned twice (1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6)



In the New Testament this term translated “gift” is used of both miraculous gifts and non miraculous spiritual gifts related to service (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Pet. 4:10, 11).

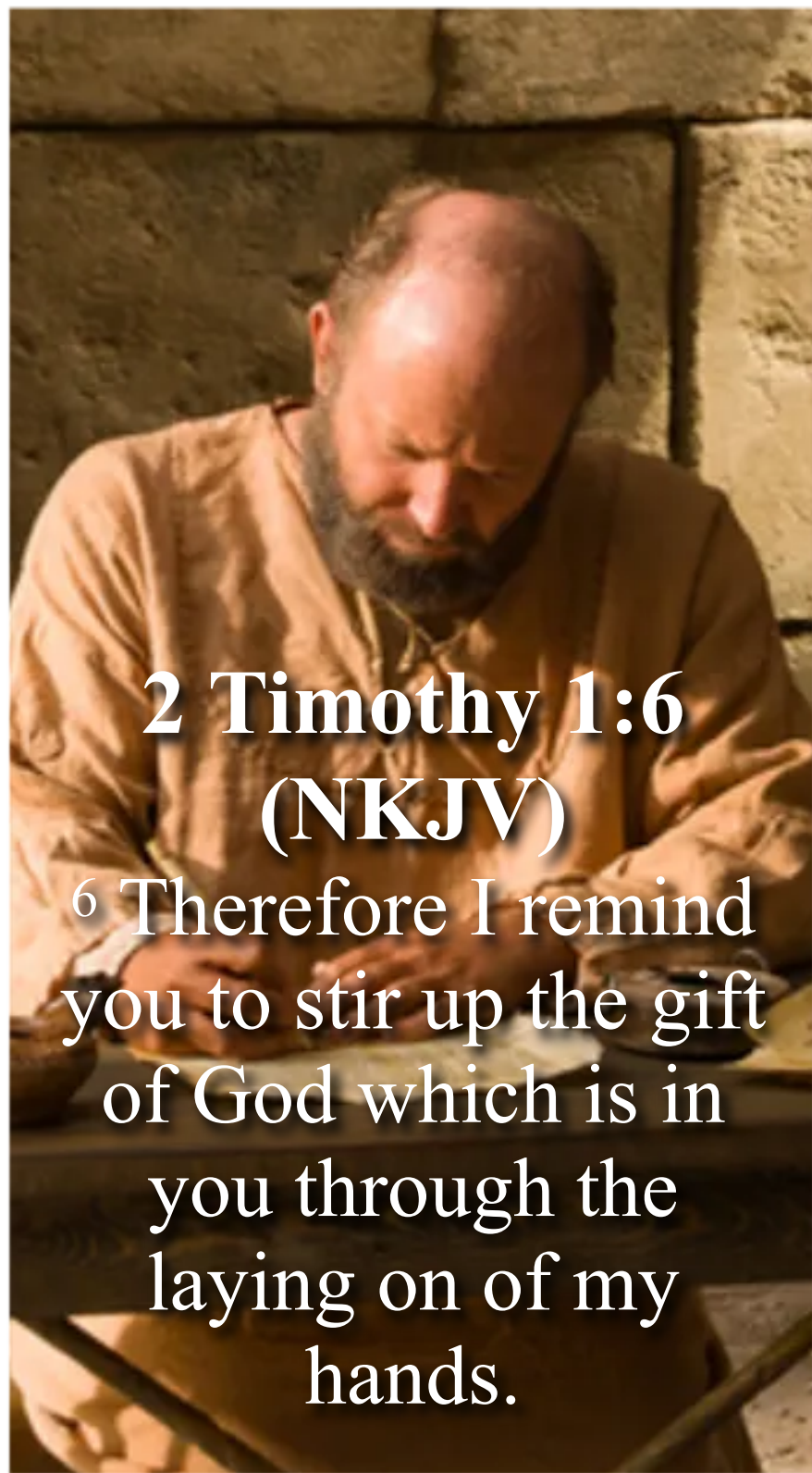


Timothy may have had some gift of the Spirit, but it cannot be established from the word “gift” (charisma) ((1 Tim. 4:13, 15; 2 Tim. 2:15).



The “laying on of hands” does not always imply impartation of miraculous spiritual gifts, but to the appointment of a spiritual function (Acts 13:1-3; 6:1-6).

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Timothy had been appointed by the Holy Spirit, (*probably through the apostle Paul himself*), to accompany Paul & serve as an evangelist (1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6).



Thus Timothy needed to “fan the flames” under his gift, (*spiritual duty & calling*), and remain a faithful minister of Christ in the face of persistent & increased persecution (2 Tim. 1:7-12; 3:12)



Timothy needed to fend off any thoughts of fear, and focus on the task at hand (2 Tim. 1:7)

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Not a spirit of fear: Gk, DEILIA = timidity; cowardly, shameful fear.

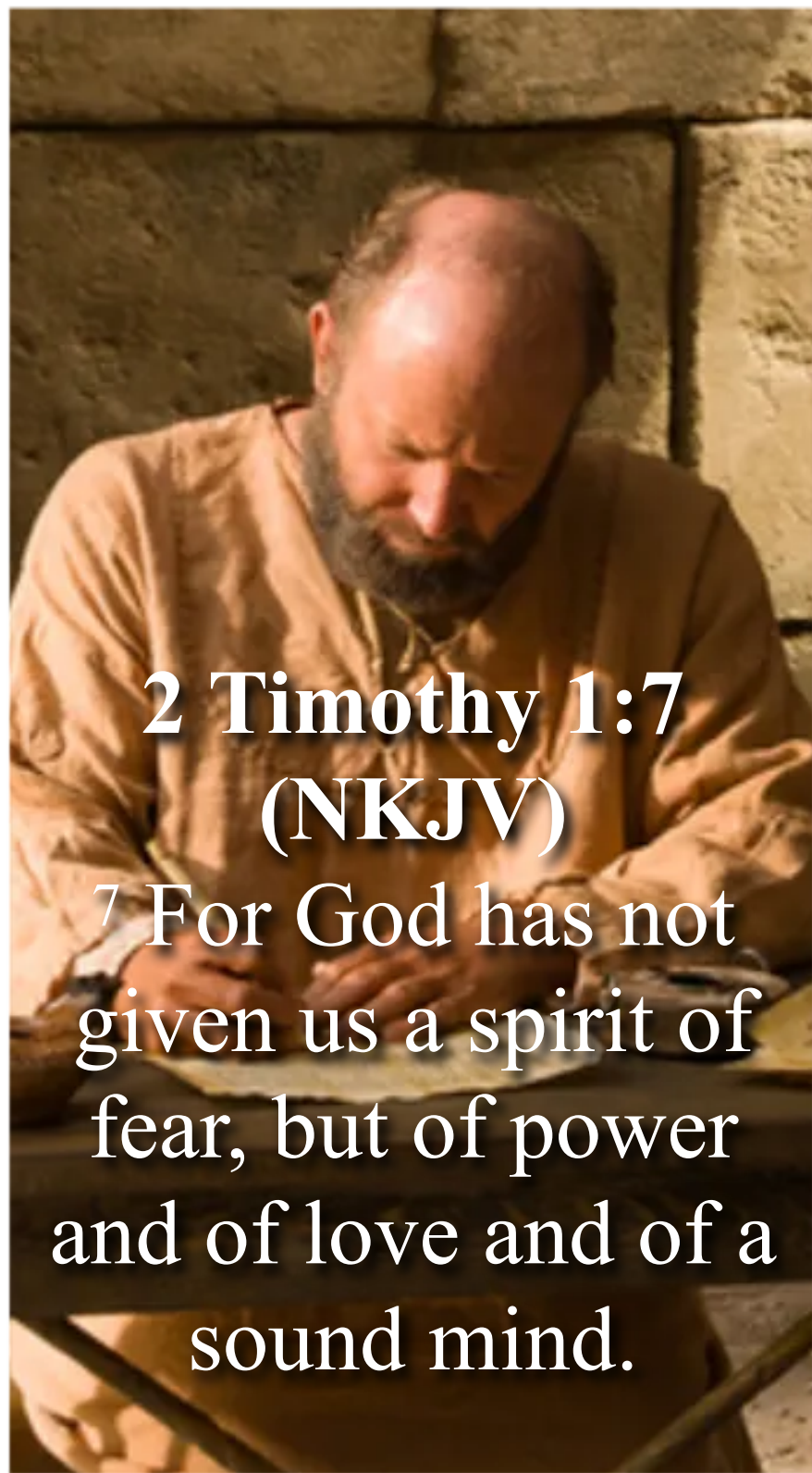


But a spirit of POWER (effective energy), LOVE, and a SOUND MIND (Gk, SOPHRONISMOS = secure, self-controlled, disciplined mind; self-control concerning thinking).



Paul urges Timothy to use the gifts from God to the very best of his ability, especially in view of the trying times ahead, and to remember that he has been called of God to be strong, to love, and to be of a sound mind.

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- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace - even in the midst of extreme trials. (2)
- Staying true to the scriptures and not sub-coming to the pressures of those around us (3)
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (6)
- Faith eextinguishes fear (7)

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