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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: Keep the Faith

Scripture text: 2 Timothy 1:12-14

1. The word "keep" has the understanding of guarding something and the emphasis is on the action itself. Our faith will be under attack and we must therefore guard our faith. Apostle Paul suffered for the cause of the gospel. He was not ashamed because God will keep him in the faith. Likewise, God will keep us in the faith (v12). This is not just cognitive knowledge. It is conviction and trust. It is experiential and real. It is secure and assuring.

2. We must also do our part and keep our faith. It is our responsibility and we have no excuse. We are to hold on to the words that bring about spiritual health (v13). Do not let go of the Word of God. This means not just the words but also the pattern of the words, which refer to the conduct and demand of the words. We must not compromise but must live it out to obey the Lord.

3. We must also keep the gospel truth because it is necessary and profitable for us (v14). God has committed the gospel and the gospel work to us. We must bear witness of the gospel. We are to rely on the Holy Spirit to help us guard the gospel.