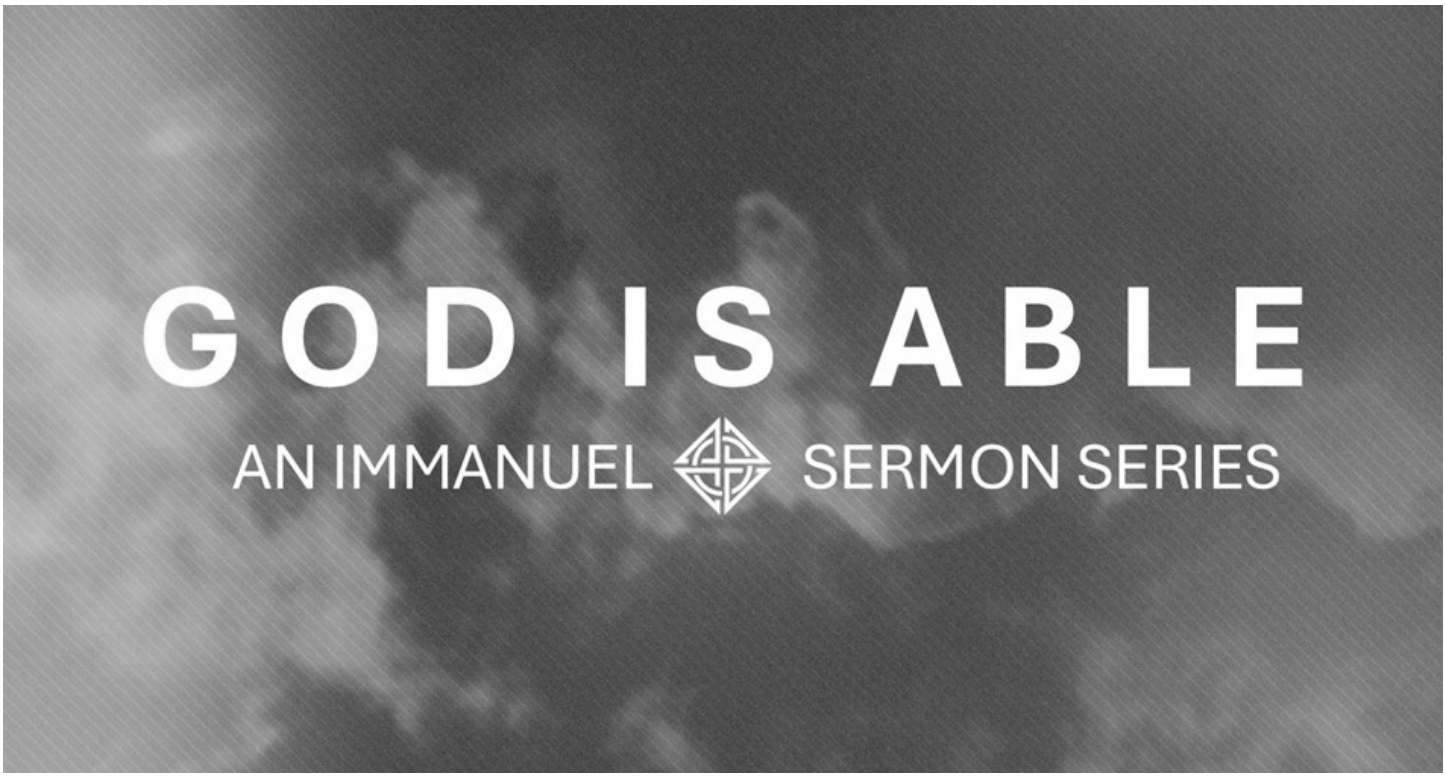


GOD IS ABLE

Week Four: 2 Timothy 1:12

[8] Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, [9] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, [10] and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, [11] for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, [12] which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. [13] Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [14] By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

(2 Timothy 1:8-14)

The Big Idea: God is able to _____ what he has entrusted to his people.

Introduction

- 2 Timothy was Paul's final letter before his death (2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- 2 Timothy was written around AD 67 as Nero's attacks on Christians intensified.
- Paul wanted to encourage Timothy to proclaim the gospel even amidst persecution.

2 Timothy 1:8-14

- Paul encouraged Timothy to not be _____ of the gospel (2 Timothy 1:8, 1 Corinthians 1:23).
- Paul called Timothy to _____ in the suffering for the gospel by the _____ of God (2 Timothy 1:8-12, John 15:18-20, Acts 9:15-16).

"To suffer means that there is something wrong; to choose God's will even if it means suffering is a very different thing. No healthy saint ever chooses suffering; he chooses God's will, as Paul did, where it means suffering or not." (Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*)

    - We can suffer because of God's _____ grace (2 Timothy 1:8-9, Romans 1:1, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 1:4-6, Ephesians 2:8-9).
    - We can suffer because of God's _____ grace (2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Romans 1:16).

- Paul reminds Timothy of the _____ of taking a stand for the gospel which has been entrusted to him (2 Timothy 11-14, 1 Timothy 6:20-21).

Application

- Believers are to _____ the faith by _____ sound doctrine (2 Timothy 1:13-14, Jude 1:3).
- Believers are to _____ the good deposit entrusted to them through the _____ of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 1:13-14, 2 Timothy 2:8-9).