***"Fruits of Faith"* (Part 2)**

**2 Tim.1:8-18 - 5/26/19**

*What are some of the evidences/fruits of a believer's faith?*

*"God brings His refining fire into our lives to create in us what He sees fit."*

*"The next time a fiery trial comes, thank God - as He's producing exactly what He knows you need in your life."*

*"The only difference between a diamond and a piece of coal is, pressure."*

**2 Timothy 1:8-12**

1) Believers Suffer For The Gospel, & They Rejoice In The Gospel

There's an admonition to suffer for the gospel, understanding that it's a holy calling from all eternity! **Vs.8*b*+9**

Although it's never been easy to take a stand for the gospel, what a privilege it is once you've found Him... Better yet, He came to find you!

Any suffering experienced for the sake of the gospel is to be undergirded by His power, and it's to be viewed in light of His perspective.

**\*Vs.'s 10*b* *+* 12*b***

No more death, life to the fullest - only to be topped-off with life eternal, with Him... And that's not all, as we're to be assured and convinced that He is going to guard our faith/salvation/souls, until we see Him face-to-face!

**2 Timothy 1:13+14**

2) Believers Are To Retain, & Treasure The Gospel

Do you retain sound doctrine, and do you treasure the gospel?

Without these, we are easily misled; if we're not careful it can lead us away to a different faith that isn't true, resulting in eternal destruction (cults, false religions).

The retention and treasuring of sound doctrine and the gospel leads one to experience that it is a costly treasure - in more ways than one... As is anything worth giving your life to. **2 Corinthians 4:7-11**

There is nothing like seeing lives changed. A convincing argument for the gospel of Christ, is the personal testimony of someone whose life has been changed by it.

The gospel transforms people - which is a powerful witness.

We should be willing to give our lives for this heavenly, eternal treasure (The Gospel).

**2 Timothy 1:15-18**

3) Believers Run With & Refresh, While Regarding & Remembering Our Kingdom Partners

The Apostle Paul felt deserted near the end of His ministry. **\*Vs.15*a***

When we commit to serving Christ with our lives, we need to do so with eyes wide open, in that - we may go it alone.

How much more grateful we are when God brings us an Onesiphorous!... A faithful Kingdom Partner we can run with, who brings refreshing, and who we'll have regard for and remember for their Kingdom service and commitment.

Many of you have seen fruit in your own lives and in the lives of others around you, so keep investing!

Praise God for the faithful servants He brings along who bear spiritual fruit for themselves and others, and who understand that it is a privilege to join the Lord in what He is doing!

*"Christ will have no servants except by consent* - *as His people are to be a willing people; He will be all-in-all, or He will be nothing."*

When it comes to running with, refreshing and regarding our Kingdom Partners, it really comes down to just one word: "Serve" - one another... As King Jesus commands us to.

*"The way we serve Him, Jesus tells us, is by becoming the slaves of our fellow-servants, & being willing to do literally anything, however costly, irksome or undignified, in order to help them."* - J.I. Packer

*"The essence of Christian service, is loyalty to the King, expressing itself, in care for His servants."* - J.I. Packer