

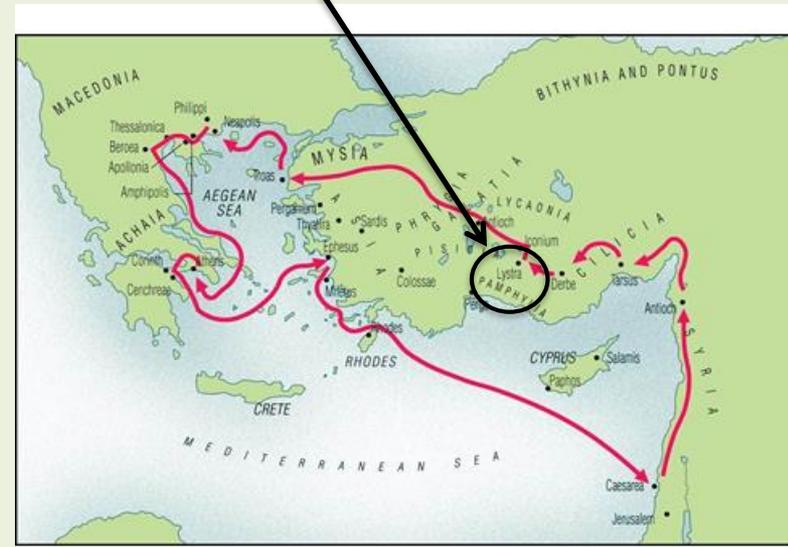
Timothy

What do you know about Tim?

Tim's Background

Acts 16:1-2

Paul came... to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

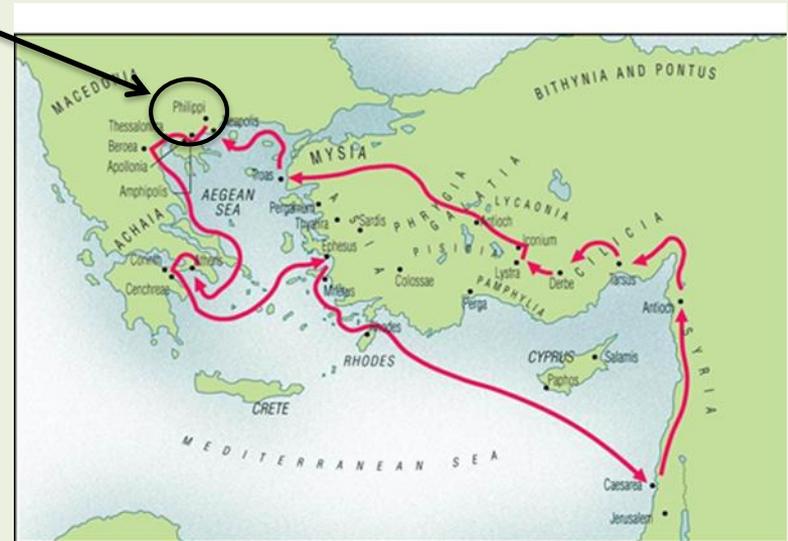


Tim had Jesus' love for others

Philippians 2: 19-22 (written as a Roman prisoner)

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you
[Philippians] soon, that I also may be cheered when I
receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who
will show genuine concern for your welfare.

For everyone looks out for their
own interests, not those of
Jesus Christ. But you know that
Timothy has proved himself,
because as a son with his
father he has served with me in
the work of the gospel.



Father Paul; Son Tim

1 Corinthians 4: 14-17

I am writing this not to shame you [*Corinthians*] but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Therefore I urge you to imitate me. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus...



Mother Paul

I Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12, 19-20

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

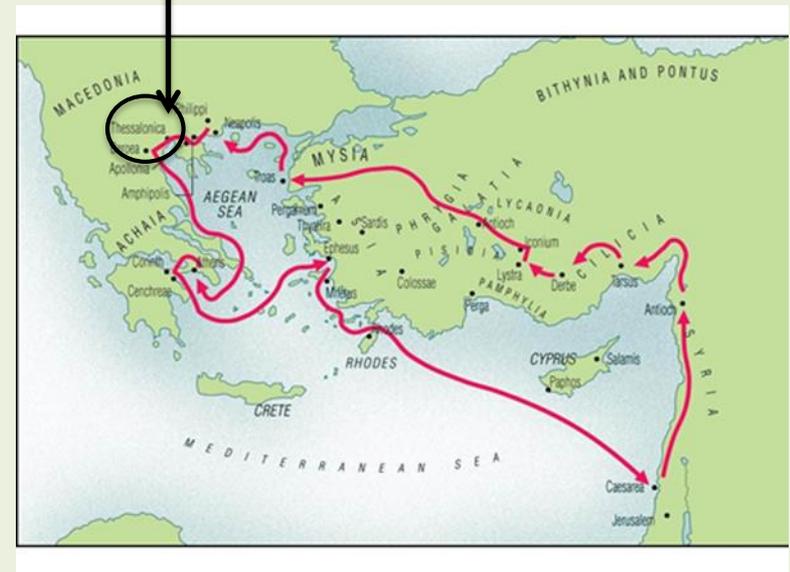
Paul & Tim: bond-servants/co-workers

I Thessalonians 3:2-3

We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you [*Thessalonians*] in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them.

I Thessalonians 1:6

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.



Expect Trials: Don't be surprised!

Hebrews 13:23

I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released.

2 Timothy 3:12

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Fix our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

Fix our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12: 1b-3

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Imitation Game

Philippians 3:10-12

I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

On Suffering

It is the open wound of life in this world. It is the real task of faith and theology to make it possible for us to survive, to go on living, with this open wound.

The person who believes will not rest content with any slickly explanatory answer to the theodicy question. And he will also resist any attempts to soften the question down.

The more a person believes, the more deeply he experiences pain over the suffering in the world, and the more passionately he asks about God and the new creation. (Jurgen Moltmann: The Trinity and the Kingdom of God)

Sacrifice of Praise and Good Works

Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Hebrews 13:15-16

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Practise the Presence of God

“The time of business,” said he, “does not with me differ from the time of prayer. In the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Supper.”

“O my God, since You are with me, and I must now, in obedience to Your commands, apply my mind to these outward things, I beseech You to grant me the grace to continue in Your Presence; and to this end do You prosper me with Your assistance. Receive all my works, and possess all my affections.” Brother Lawrence (17th Century)

Paul's advice to Tim

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the Good Fight of Faith

2 Tim 1:6 & 7 Fan into Flame the Gift of God in you.
The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

1 Tim 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

2 Tim 2:23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.