

Introduction: Happy mothers Day!

We are finishing up Chap 5 of 1 Timothy. Paul is instructing Timothy in regards to the leadership culture at Ephesus. Tim being around 35 or so, is called to his first church as a pastor. A church that Paul planted about 10 years prior. Paul himself was there for about 3 years. Now we see Paul leading this church once again, but through this beautiful model of discipleship with Timothy. What a task! I'm sure Timothy had to lean in to Jesus to find the courage to restore this Household of God.

Ch. 1 Timothy is encouraged to "remain on and restore order"

Ch 2 Teach the church to pray and cultivate worship in a spirit of peace

Ch 3 Sheds light on character and integrity of the leaders at Ephesus

Ch 4 Confronts the false teachers and communicate a clear example of leadership from a pastoral role

Ch 5 we see instructions given regarding widows and we get a glimpse into God's care for this unprotected group

Today we learn of this model for leadership

Why is this subject important for us today?

1. God's order and plan- It's always been God's plan to use called out men and women to lead His people
2. Jesus said, "I will build my Church" – only institution designed to save the lost and reveal the glory of God
3. Reveal God's strategic plan in establishing 4 pillars necessary in a healthy leadership culture.

The Problem in Ephesus made Timothy a better leader, which helped him to build a healthy leadership culture– Christianity is put to the test, is applied

Ps 105:18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, ^[a]He himself was laid in irons;

Northeastern Codfish-

Read 1 Tim 5:17-25

Vs. 17-18 Honor – respect and compensation

Vs 19 Protection – No accusation w/o 2 witnesses

Vs 20-21 Correction – No partiality (Favoritism, cronyism, nepotism) – "behavior observed changes"

Our 1st anniversary – 29 yrs ago slippery slope – unprepared for what's to come

Vs 22,24,25 Selection – Time-process-pressure this leads to healthy discernment

What is the solution Paul provides to Timothy:

Build a house that will stand

1. Honor
2. Protection
3. Correction
4. Selection

And the rain fell, and the ^[a]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. – Mt 7:25