AN INTERIOR SCAFFOLDING

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7 | ERIC SIMPSON | APRIL 16, 2023



34 AD - Paul's conversion

35-45 AD - Paul's "silent years" in Arabia and Tarsus

46-48 AD - First missionary journey

49-50 AD – Paul attends Jerusalem Council 50 AD *Galatians*

50-52 AD – Second missionary journey

51-52 AD 1 & 2 Thessalonians

53-58 AD - Third missionary journey

56 AD 1 & 2 Corinthians

57 AD Romans

58-60 AD – Paul's arrest, imprisonment, & journey to Rome 60 AD Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

62-67 AD - Paul's trip to Spain

63 AD 1 Timothy

64 AD Titus

67 AD 2 Timothy

67 AD - Paul executed in Rome by Nero

Acts 28:30-31

30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. 31 Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

What happened to Paul after book of Acts?

- He was released from his "house arrest" in Rome in 62AD because the leaders could see there was no basis for the charges being brought against him.
- 2. Paul traveled to Spain to continue his missionary work. He writes *1 Timothy* and *Titus* while on this trip.
- 3. A great fire breaks out in Rome in 64AD, Emperor Nero finds a scapegoat for the fire, pins the blame on Christians.
- 4. Paul is arrested by Nero in 66-67AD, he's placed in a "dungeon like" prison. He writes 2 *Timothy* from that prison.
- 5. Paul is beheaded at Nero's command in 68AD. Nero commits suicide a few months later.

From a research study, The Leaky Character Reservoir.

"The psychological concept of ethical fading states that ethical standards may deteriorate over time, implying character gains are not permanent. This fading, also known as ethical erosion, may include factors such as ethical drift, an incremental deviation from ethical practice that goes unnoticed by individuals...and ethical fatigue, the lessoning of one's ethical standards due to the fatigue of having to fight ethical battles regularly."

- Dr. Carole Kleinman (professor at New Jersey University)

Spiritual heritage

2 Timothy 1:5

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Judges 6:25-26

25 That same night the LORD said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. 26 Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering."

The Lois' & Eunice's of today are committed to building a wall to dam off the dysfunction, brokenness and compromise from flowing downstream so that blessing and redemption can be released on the next generation.

"Any pain that is not transformed is transmitted." - Ronald Rolheiser

Spiritual friendship

2 Timothy 1:2 Timothy, my dear son

1 Corinthians 4:15 for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

"If I can see further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." - Isaac Newton spiritual friendship = someone who knows God well and who knows you well