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Sermon Notes

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## **Boldness & Faithfulness in the Gospel, pt. 8: A Man Poured Out, A Ministry Filled Up 2 Timothy 4:1-8**

I. A Ministry of Tickling Ears  
or  
A Mission of Transforming Lives

II. **One Final Charge: Preach the Word!!** (vs. 2,5)

**vs. 2 “Preach the word”**

A. Centrality of God’s Word (vs. 2)

1. The perfect, flawless, God-breathed word of chapter 3
2. Letter comes full-circle
  - a. 1:6 “Fan your gift into a flame...”
  - b. 1:7 Be bold and courageous... “God has not given us a spirit of cowardice”
  - c. 1:8 Don’t be ashamed of Christ, but be willing to suffer
  - d. 2:2 Make disciples by multiplication
  - e. 2:3-7 Good soldier, disciplined athlete, hard-working farmer
  - f. 2:15 skilled craftsman with the Word
  - g. Chapter 3: last days... false teachers vs. God-breathed Word
3. Preach = proclaim like a herald, with authority from a King
4. God’s foolish methods!

Illus. P.R. & media experts would definitely correct this strategy!!

***1 Corinthians 1:25 “The foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom...”***

B. Preparedness of God’s Messenger (vs. 2)

***vs. 2 “Be prepared in season and out of season.”***

1. “Be prepared” = stand ready to serve... eager, like a good servant of a master
2. Word goes deeper... BE URGENT... sense of urgency

Illus. Preaching must NEVER be cold or listless... rather, a tremendous sense of urgency should come with a heart of passion for the lost

***James 4:13-14 “Now listen, you who say ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a while and vanishes.”***

3. “in season and out of season” = when it is convenient and when it is not
  - a. we can’t choose the time when we want to minister
  - b. we have to be ready all the time
  - c. constant preparedness, constant urgency

***Acts 2:40 “With many other words he warned them and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’”***

NOTE: the passionate use of words!!! God used words to create the universe... and he uses words to redeem His people as well

C. Variety of God’s Methods: All Verbal

***vs. 2. Correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction***

1. correct = reprove someone’s doctrine or lifestyle... JUST LIKE THE WORD OF GOD DOES

Illus. Like the compass we discussed last time... the faithful minister of the Word, the faithful Christian friend, is able to bring adjustment and correction to someone else’s life

2. rebuke = sharp stinging words

### III. A Series of Motives (vs. 1, 3-4, 6-8)

A. Motive #1: The Presence of God (vs. 1)

*Christ's future assessment filters present activity*

B. Motive #2: The Prevalence of False Teachers (vs. 3-4)

*Transformation of hearts vs. Tickling of ears*

C. Motive #3: The Predictions of Paul (vs. 6-8)

- *My present suffering will end in death*
- *My life's work will result in reward*
- *Anyone who longs for Christ will be rewarded*