

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Remind them of these things and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. 19 But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.” 20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussions

- 1. How would you rank Timothy's "5 Opponents" from least to most concerning? (Hymenaeus, Philetus, Distraction, Youthful Passions, the Devil)
- 2. Based on Paul's words, which of Timothy's "5 Opponents" does Paul seem most concerned about?
- 3. Which of the 3 Takeaway's seems most relevant for you this week? (1. Focus on your calling and be sober about your opponents. 2. Name your temptations. 3. Talk about your temptations with others.)

Family Business

Upcoming:

- Sunday 10/12**
8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary
9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes
9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room
11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary
12:30 pm – Next Steps Lunch / Fellowship Hall
- Monday 10/13**
6:00 pm – Artists Anonymous / Library
- Tuesday 10/14**
6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study / Room 015
- Wednesday 10/15**
5:00 pm – College Bible Study & Dinner / Youth Lounge
6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym
6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room
- Thursday 10/16**
8:30 am – Binnie Clements Cinnamon Roll Baking / Kitchen
11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Chapel
6:30 pm – Women’s Bible Study / Room 020
- Friday 10/17**
12:00 pm – Women’s Table Talk / Room 114

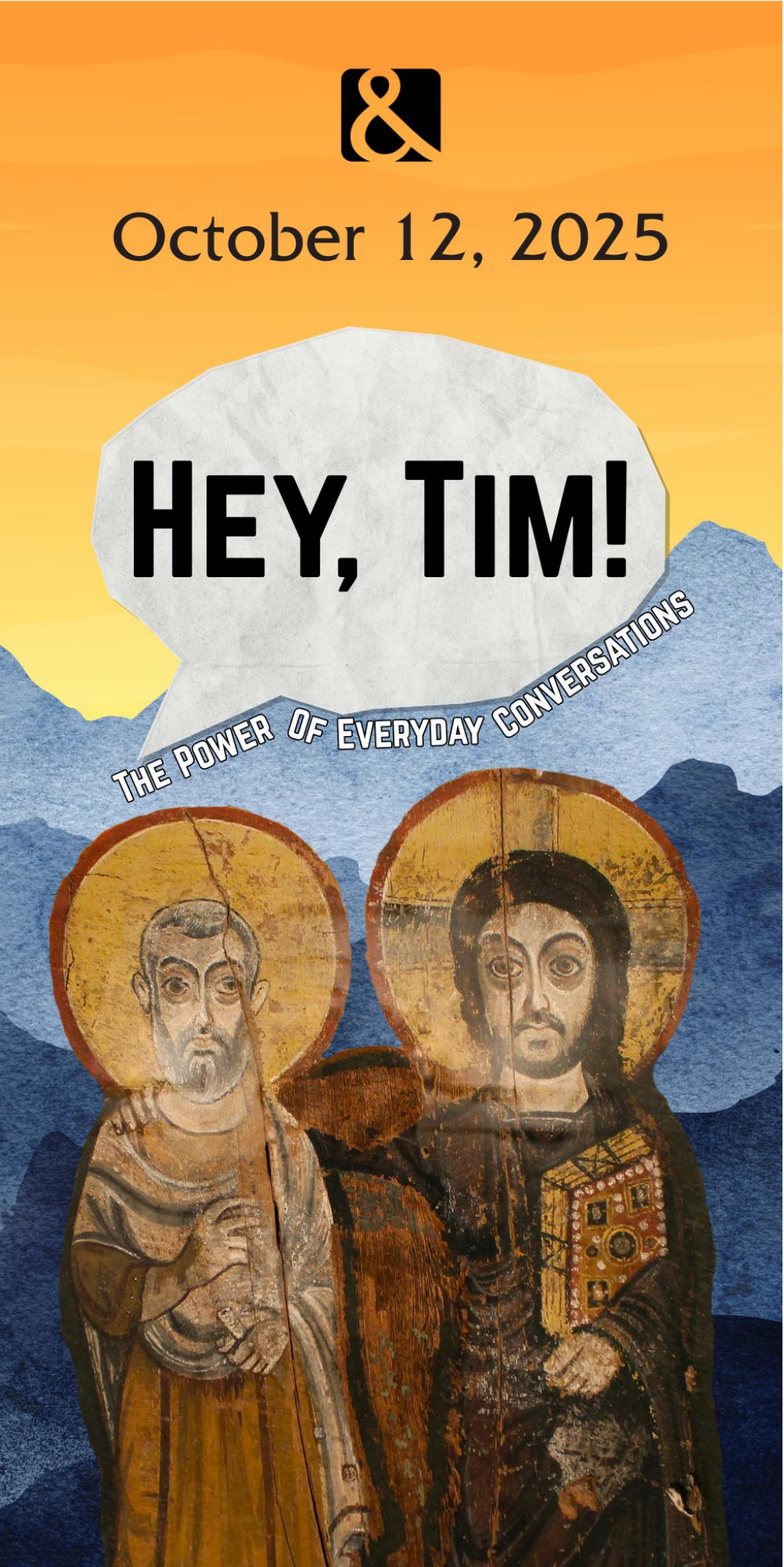
Artists Anonymous: Being an artist can be tough. If you love creating but wrestle with doubts, you're not alone. Join us to share your work, your challenges, and how faith fuels your art. Be encouraged! This event is on **October 13th from 6-7:30 pm** in the library.

Musical Offerings Concert: Join us on October 19th at 3 pm in the North Atrium for an afternoon of inspiring music featuring the Galloway Chamber Orchestra. Experience the beauty of live performance in this free community concert, part of our ongoing Musical Offerings series.

Building & Grounds Workday: Grab your shovels and gloves and come join us for an outdoor workday at the church on November 1st from 9 am – 12 pm.

New to First & Calvary? We’re glad you’re here! Please pick up a gift bag to learn more about us at the exits. Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so we can connect. Kids are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are at each entrance. Parents may use the Baby Break Room or the nursery on the first floor. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may join Worship and Wonder after the Children’s Message—check in near the front left sanctuary exit.

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The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Miles Stamper, Scholar Carl Gerhardt, Elder

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**
Be still, and know that I am God.
**The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
—from Psalm 46

*Opening Hymn

43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852
Music: Martin Luther, 1529; harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930

Confession of Sin

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
Words: Based on Psalm 143:1
Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the message we have heard from God
and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
—from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV
Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father
Words: Gloria Patri
Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Amelia Davidson

***Jesus Loves Me
Oh, How I Love Jesus***

Scripture | 2 Timothy 2:14-26

See Scripture Panel
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Talk About Temptations

Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession

Chapter 5 Paragraph 5
The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave, for a season, His own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself; and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Chancel Choir

The Lord Is a Mighty God
Words: from Psalm 95
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, ed. Olaf C. Christiansen

*Doxology

Hymn 809

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

517 The Solid Rock
Words: Edward Mote, 1834
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Now In Peace
Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Postlude