

Spiritual Commissary

2 Timothy 2:9 KJV *“Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.”*

Hello brothers in Christ, PRAY and grab your Bible.

What a POWERFUL verse that I pray you to embrace every bit of TRUTH in it with great faith. The word ‘bonds’ and ‘bound’ here come from the original Greek text word **δεσμός** Which is transliterated in English as “desmos” and pronounced like this “Dez-Mas”. So it means just what sounds like the following definition is from Strong Concordance see numbered footnote references at the end. Strongs number is G1199 “a band, i.e. ligament (of the body) or shackle (of a prisoner); figuratively, an impediment or disability:—band, bond, chain, string.”⁽¹⁾ So literally this word is implying, chains, shackles, imprisonment, etc.

2 Timothy was an epistle/letter Paul wrote to his son in the faith, Timothy. It was the last inspired letter before he was martyred not long after, approx A.D. 67. Paul wrote 1st Timothy and Titus after being released from a Roman Prison for a short time. As we know Paul well from Scripture whether he was in prison or out he was doing ministry(**cough cough, hint-hint**). Let me repeat that, whether Paul was in or out of prison he was telling people about Jesus. Now at this point when Paul wrote 2 Timothy he was again back in a Roman Prison. He was rearrested this time during Nero’s campaign of persecuting Christians. During his first Roman Imprisonment he was treated pretty fairly, basically like having an ankle monitor on, or being on home incarceration. So he was allowed to interact with others, do ministry, visit with fellow believers, and such. That was around A.D. 64 but this time in around A.D. 67, Paul was basically “in the hole”. He was alone in a cold cell(**2 Timothy 4:13**) with no hope of release and he knew it (**2 Timothy 4:6**) and in bonds(desmos), specifically chains(**2 Timothy 2:9**), our opening verse above.

Now that we are somewhat up to date on what's going down let's focus on God, the second half of this verse, and YOU. We pray you're not on death row, or about to be martyred for your faith in Christ soon like Paul here. Yet even if that be the case we MUST be fully prepared as Paul, and secure in our Salvation, and at peace. Knowing the JOY that awaits being present with The LORD. Hopefully, that is not the case with you but I’m not one to sugarcoat real-life possibilities. GOD is bigger than Life being the Author and Creator, and Jesus Christ defeated

death, and so can we by our Salvation, being born again, and spiritually baptized into His resurrection. What a precious gift we have received. Death is not the end as many believe, let us live the short time we have remaining here showing full appreciation to God in our thoughts, words, and deeds. NONE of us will do this “perfectly” or without sin. The closer and longer we walk with Him, our sins WILL decrease though, and when we do we confess them, repent, and KEEP GOING. Now to that second part of the verse, **“but the word of God is not bound.”** PRAISE GOD, they could throw me in prison and cut my tongue out and I can STILL meditate on the Scriptures I know in my heart, and STILL PRAY. Let’s pray none of us have to do that, but we could, thanks be unto God. I want you all to REALLY pray and meditate on that, and realize the POWER and TRUTH in just that short, 8 words, of a single verse from God's Word.

There is NO GREATER way you can be spending whatever time you have than praying and reading God’s Word. Just because about every single one of us has never been to jail/prison, like Paul, guilty only of being a Christian. Just because of our sins, or others possibly put us where we are. That is NO EXCUSE to beat yourself up or spend your time all “pressed/stressed out” if you have truly repented, then God has forgiven you, so WHO CARES what they or anybody else thinks. The devil will try to keep you living in guilt, shame, or anger, for one primary purpose, to keep you from staying in prayer and God’s Word. Or to keep you from being used by God to draw others to Christ. This is something God is in control of, our job is to just STAY in the Word and prayer, He will send the right people to us, and give us the right words to say via the Holy Spirit when the time is right. NOTHING can bind the Word of God, NOTHING. Another TRUTH you must keep afresh in your minds and spirits right now is this, ***“Romans 8:28 KJV And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.”***

Now add that verse to your meditation now and realize these TRUTHS as well. Do you love God? Then what does God say? ***“And we KNOW ALL THINGS work together for good”(emphasis mine)*** ”KNOW” don’t doubt it, if God says you can know, then YOU CAN KNOW. Trust Him, then He says “ALL”. He didn’t say “some stuff” will work out for those who love me. He said “ALL” Yes that means no matter how tough this, or any other situation you are in might be. If you love God and what else? ***“are called according to his purpose”*** Well what’s that mean? How do I know if I am “called”. Here is how, if you're saved and you KNOW it, then YOU’RE CALLED. Now we ALL have different callings and different gifts God has given us to use for Him. Now NOWHERE in this verse did God say, it will be so easy a caveman can do it. Or did He say that everything will be smooth sailing from here on out. Why just look at what Paul is facing as we studied, and Paul was not committing crimes like we have, but faithfully giving his ALL to God, for God's use and purpose and God’s Glory. So that is the hardest part for us, is our little faith. It is really hard sometimes to trust God when we are in a bad spot, and things aren’t the way we want them. Paul wasn’t complaining; he was praising God

and still telling people about Christ and encouraging other believers just like this 2nd epistle to Timothy from the “HOLE” knowing his end was very soon.

So meditate on these verses today or every day if need be, Remember no matter what kind of doubt, problems, or negative thoughts Satan tries to press into your mind, to distract you from God. That Satan is the father of LIES, and that God’s Word and promises are ABSOLUTE AND DIVINE TRUTH. Even on days when you're tired and feel like reading God’s Word isn’t doing you any good, or it’s a waste of time. Maybe even some days, it will seem like things are getting worse even. What are you going to trust? Satan's lies, and the current storms or trials that your in or may come, or GOD? So sear these truths into your heart and brains just like a cowboy would brand a cow’s hide. God’s Word CAN NOT be bound, that should be where you are spending most of the free time you have in there. In prayer and God’s Word, if you want to see the miracles and fruit and power of God in your lives as He PROMISED. Forget the past, forget what you may still be facing, forget where you are currently, and TRUST GOD. Believe me, it is easier said than done sometimes, but we are talking GOD here. Who cares what I think, what you think, or even what we may feel like? TRUSTING GOD means just that, TRUSTING GOD who can not lie, and loves to honor His promises and show us His power, might, grace, and love, all for His Glory.

The more we die to ourselves, and quit trusting our silly knowledge, and what we think or feel, and start REALLY submitting to God and following His Word and what the Holy Spirit teaches and guides us to do, the faster we will start seeing these things come about. God’s timing, not ours, but the biggest thing in the way of us experiencing this, is us and Satan. Force yourself to pray and study every day, even when Satan tries to distract you. Satan will try everything to stop you, and yes we are ALL weak at times, but we have the choice to do it anyway. Satan tries to influence us, distract us, make us lazy, or get us to watch the game instead, or something we enjoy more. Keep praying and reading God’s Word until that BECOMES your JOY, no matter what situation you are in, and IT WILL. Your faith will get MUCH STRONGER after you buckle down and do this and start seeing the results. GO ALL IN brothers, NO FEAR, TRUST GOD!

Much love my brothers in Christ, you all STAY in my prayers,

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