

Series: The Essential Church; Sermon: **Do It by the Book**;
Delivered by **Josh Moody**, senior pastor, on July 28, 2019

Bible text explored: 2 Timothy 3:10–17

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. What could Timothy’s understandable reaction be to the last-days situation Paul has spelled out (in *2 Tim. 3:1-9*)?
2. How does Paul make clear that he expects Timothy to never retreat in the encounters sure to come? (See the first phrases of vv. 10 and 14.)
3. As Timothy’s mentor, what did Paul urge him to remember (vv. 10-11) about the results God achieved through his suffering in Timothy’s home town? (See *Acts 14:8-20* and *16:1-5*.)
4. While opposition is inevitable (vv. 12-13), what should Timothy remember about the fate of the “monsters” attacks?
5. What reasons does Paul urge Timothy to weigh (vv. 14-15) for persevering in his gospel service . . .
 - . . . from the character of those who taught him?
 - . . . from the length of time he has observed the gospel at work?
 - . . . from the effects of Scripture-based faith in Jesus?

Pastor Josh quoted Charles Spurgeon, saying that “Every test successfully met leaves a testimony.”
6. How are these aspects of Scripture (vv. 16-17) able to equip Timothy to be a “man of God” . . .
 - . . . its authority?
 - . . . its practicality?
 - . . . its sufficiency?
7. True reliance on Scripture, Pastor Josh suggested, will involve reading it in these ways:
 - slowly
 - only (not relying on the comments of others)
 - daily
 - prayerfully (asking God to speak to you)
 - believingly (even when you may not understand it).

Which of these will you purpose to work on?