

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

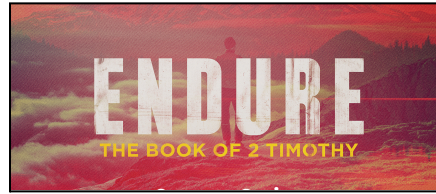
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“Soundness”

#5 in the series *Endure: The Book of 2 Timothy*

Scripture Texts (CEB)

2 Timothy 4:1-8



1. Consider the meaning of *soundness* and its applicability in various contexts:
 - The quality of being well-informed, well-founded, sensible, or valid
 - Freedom from moral weakness or defect
 - The quality of being vigorous, thorough, or severe
 - Freedom from theological error
 - How does the concept of *soundness* relate to other themes that appear in Paul’s final letter written to Timothy (e.g., heritage, dissent, endurance, and wisdom)?
2. **Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2.**

From prison in Rome, Paul commissioned Timothy to preach the Gospel, whether “it is convenient or inconvenient.”

 - What would this “commission” have meant to Timothy coming from Paul?
 - Have you ever experienced practicing your faith when it was inconvenient? What happened?
3. **Read 2 Timothy 4:3-5.**

Paul warns Timothy against those who will not tolerate “sound teaching.”

 - What causes some to turn away from the truth or “sound teaching,” whether spiritual or secular?
 - How have you navigated a situation where someone has clearly refused to acknowledge the truth?
4. Discovering and understanding the truth, regardless of the topic or context, is not always easy.
 - What strategies have you found most effective in ascertaining the truth about something?
 - How do you respond to the Pew Research Center data on the sources people rely on for reliable, truthful information?
 - Digital resources - 60%
 - TV - 40%
 - Radio - 20%
 - Print. - 10%
5. **Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8.**

Paul reminds Timothy that God will reward his righteousness and that of all those who minister in the cause of the Gospel.

 - What do Paul’s often quoted words - *I have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith* - mean to you as a Christian?

6. How can we pray for you?