**“Timothy: A Masterpiece of Gospel Transformation”**

**Philippians 2:19-24**

**I. God’s Sovereign Choice to Love the Ordinary**

**A) Timothy’s Background was Not Ideal**

1) Less than Ideal Home life

2) More than Capable Heavenly Father

 Look what God Did! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B) Timothy was not A+ Material**

1) Less than Ideal Traits

• timid/ shy 1 Corinthians 16:10-11 2 Timothy 1:6 2 Tim 1:7-8 1 Tim 4:12

• not confident … 2 Timothy 1:6

• fearful … 2 Tim 1:7-8

• young … 1 Tim 4:12

2) More than a Competent Spirit [the Holy Spirit]

 Look what God Did! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C) Timothy was Thrown into the Fire**

1) Less than Ideal Situations

 Corinth/ Ephesus Acts 20:29-30

2) More than Conquerors Through Christ Jesus

 Look what God Did! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. God’s Transforming Power in the Gospel**

**A) A Heart for God’s People**

Philippians 2:20-22; Isaiah 53: 5, 11

**B) A Heart that is Trustworthy**

1) He Was a Trustworthy Partner

Phil 2:19 [Philippi] ; Acts 19:22 [Macedonia]; 1 Thess 3:1,2 [Thessalonica]

1 Tim 1:2-4 [in Ephesus] … Pro 25:13

2) He was a Loyal Friend

 1 Cor 4:17 1 Cor 16:10, 11

3) He was Courageous Public Example

1 Timothy 5:20-21

**C) A Heart that is Teachable**

1) Following Jesus … but taking imitative [Leading Himself]; Acts 16:1

2) Willing to Follow and Take Instruction from Others; 2 Tim 3:14