

## **FAITH COMES BY HEARING Bible Study – 5.01.24 (for 5.05.24)**

### **FIRST READING: Psalm 27:11-14**

- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- <sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.
- <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look<sup>[a]</sup> upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

- 1) David desires to walk in the ways of the Lord because someone's watching. Who is paying attention to David's faith?
- 2) David focuses on what news to keep him walking diligently with the Lord?
- 3) What does David call others to focus on and have as they walk with the Lord?

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the

gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

- 1) Some of Paul's last words to Timothy begin with a call to keep at this life of faith despite difficulties. What reason does Paul give Timothy to do so?
- 2) Paul indicates that despite the hardships he faced, he kept a certain attitude in mind. What is his attitude?

- 3) Paul wants Timothy to pass along this faith by guarding what's been given through the Holy Spirit. We are to do the same. What are some ways we practically do this?

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:24-28**

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man

give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- 1) Jesus shares that when we follow Him, our lives will have an interesting look and feel. What will our lives reflect?
- 2) Jesus contrasts living for His Kingdom with living for this world. What does He share is the result of a pursuit after the things of this world?
- 3) Jesus points to His final return. What will happen then, according to His words here? Why does this matter?