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TITLE: A Solemn Charge Isang Seryosong Hamon
TEXT: 2 Timothy 4: 1-5
BIG IDEA: A pastor is solemnly charged to be faithful to the Word he is to preach; to the work on which he is to persist, and to the warning he is to ponder. Ang isang pastor ay hinahamon na maging tapat sa Salita na kanyang pinangangaral; sa gawa na kanyang dapat pagsumikapan, at sa babala na dapat nyang pagnilay nilayin.

INTRO:

- "Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called, unless there be to him some special call from God to devote himself to the ministry." — ***Charles Spurgeon***

- John McArthur shared that studying the letter Paul addressed to Timothy, who was his young son in the faith, is like treading on sacred ground because these are the last words Paul ever wrote in Scripture. We can only imagine what was racing through Paul's mind as he beseeched Timothy, who was going to take his place, to be faithful in the ministry. Paul knew he would soon lose his life in martyrdom, so he was compelled to give Timothy one final and solemn charge. Sabi ni John McArthur, ang pag-aaral ng sulat ni Pablo kay Timoteo ay parang paglakad sa isang napaka banal na lupa dahil ito ang pinakahuli nyang sinulat sa Banal na Kasulatan. Mahirap isipin kung ano ang iniisip ni Pablo ng mga sandaling iyon na pinakikiusapan nya si Timoteo,m ang hahalili sa kanya, na maging tapat sa ministerio.
- However, this message is not only reserved for pastors. It's a command for all Christians who are called to be devoted to the Great Commission. Ang mensahe na ito ay hindi para lamang sa mga pastor kung hindi para na rin sa mga tinawag ng Panginoon sa dakilang habilin Nya.

BODY: Be Faithful To…Maging tapat sa…

I. The Word You Are to Preach (V.2) [Ang Salita Na Kailangan Mong Ipangaral]

- **Preach the word**: As a pastor, Timothy was not required to merely *know* the word or *like* the word or *approve* of the word; he was required to **preach the word**. The Word of God must be *preached* by Timothy; it must be the content of his message. Ipangaral ang Salita: Bilang isang pastor, si Timoteo ay inaasahan na hindi lang alamin, o gustuhin, o aprubahan ang Salita kundi ipangaral din ito. Ang Salita ng Diyos ay kailangang ipangaral ni Timoteo; ito ay dapat laman ng kanyang mensahe.
- **What Is the Word We Are to Preach?** Ano ba ang Ating Ipapangaral?
  1. A God-given Word Ang Salita Galing sa Diyos
  - A word about God, from God, and will ultimately point us to God. It is the word Paul speaks of in 2 Timothy 3:16, prior to this charge he gives to Timothy. [*2 Timothy 3:16*]. Salita na tungko sa Diyos, galing sa Diyos, at nakaturo sa Diyos. Ito ang sinasabi ni Pablo sa 2 Tim 3:16.
  - "When Scripture speaks for itself, it claims to be no less than God's own word, and the claim is pervasive and unavoidable." — ***John Frame***

Kapag ang Banal na Kasulatan ay nagsalita, sinasabi nito na siya ay Salita ng Diyos at ito ang katotohanan.

  - **How important is the God-given Word?** Through this, God makes His presence known. He promises and interprets His actions, and makes others aware of His purposes through this perfect, reliable, and sufficient Word. And, it must be the source of all of our sermons. Gaano kahalaga ang Salita ng Diyos? Sa pamamagitan nito, pinapadama ng Diyos ang kanyang presensya. Siya ay nangangako patungkol sa kanyang mga gagawin at ipinapaalam nya ang kanyang layunin sa pamamagitan ng ganap at sapat ng Salita nya. At ang salita nya ang dapat pagkuhanan ng ating mga pangaral.

2. A Spirit-empowered Word Salita na Kinasihan ng Banal na Espiritu

  - It's only when the Spirit of God illuminates minds that we can experience, understand, and admire the wonders of God's Word. [1 Cor. 1:12-13] Kapag ang ating isipan ay naliwanagan ng Banal na Espiritu, noon lang natin maiintindihan at hahangaan ang kamangha-manghang Sakita ng Diyos.
  - To understand the things concerning God, we need the work of the Spirit of God to take the Word of God. Para maunawaan nating ang mga bagay patungkol sa Diyos, kailangan natin ang pagkilos ng Banal na Espiritu.

3. A Christ-centered Word Salitang naka sentro kay Hesus.

  - The theme of all the Scriptures is the Lord Jesus Christ. God sent His Spirit to teach us the great truths about Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit came to shed light on Jesus so that we might believe Him. [*2 Timothy 3: 14-15*] Ang tema ng Banal na Kasulatan ay ang Panginoong Hesukristo. Pinadala ng Diyos ang banal nyang Espiritu para turuan tayo ng mga katotohanan patungkol kay Hesukristo.

4. A God-glorifying Word Salitang nagpupuri sa Diyos

  - The Gospel is preached so men and women would fear God and give Him glory. [*Romans 11:36*] Ang Ebanghelyo ay ipinangangaral para ang tao ay magkaroon ng takot sa Diyos at magbigay ng kaluwalhatian sa Kanya.

II. Persist on the Work (VV.2b-5) [Ang Gawain Na Kailangan Mong Panindigan]

- This tells us that the pastor should be ready to preach the word *at all times*. He should preach it when it's easy and preach it when it's hard. He should preach it when the fruit is evident and preach it when the fruit seems invisible. Ang pastor ay dapat handa na mangaral ng Salita sa lahat ng panahon. Ipangaral ito kung mahirap o madali man ang sitwasyon. Ipangaral ito may bunga mang makita o wala.

[S] III. Ponder the Warning [v5] [Ang Babala Na Kailangan Mong Pagnilay-nilayin]

- A minister of the Gospel by God's grace is to be a man who is serious about his own walk with God; careful about one's own spiritual life, growth, and discipline. Ang tagapagturo ng Ebanghelyo ay isang tao na seryoso sa kanyang relasyon sa Diyos; maingat sya sa kanyang spiritual na buhay, paglago, at disiplina.
- "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols." [*1 John 5:21*]
- **What idols can destroy a pastor's ministry?** These are some that we should be aware of and fight against. Anong mga diyos diyosan ang maaring sumira ng ministeryo ng isang pastor? Narito ang ilan na ating dapat iwasan:

  1. Idol of Power Diyos diyosan ng kapangyarihan

- It's relatively easy for people in leadership to be proud of their title & authority. Madaling malasing sa titulo o kapangyarihan.
- Ephesians 4:2
- Your call is a call to model humility and honesty for these are the attributes of true holiness and Christlikeness. Ang panawagan mo ay para sa pagpapakita ng kababaang loob at katapatan dahil ang katangiang ito ay taglay ng mga banal at kagaya ni Kristo.

2. Idol of Popularity Diyos diyosan ng katanyagan

- Beware of this idol because the temptation to become a believer in your own performance and image is strong. Most of us naturally seek success and results, we seek the admiration and applause of others meaning that are naturally in danger of thinking we are celebrities. Dapat tayong maging maingat dito dahil ang tukso ng pagmamalaki sa mga sariling gawain ay matindi. Karamihan ay naghahanap ng tagumpay, papuri, at palakpak ng iba at dahil dito ay nasa panganib na maging palalo katulad ng isang tanyag na tao.
- [*2 Timothy 4:3*]
- Be warned of the danger of compromise for the sake of gaining supporters. Huwag magkompromiso para lang magkaroon ng mga tagasunod.
- "He who would be a faithful minister of the gospel must deny the pride of his heart, be emptied of ambition, and set himself wholly to seek the glory of God in his calling." - William Perkins

CHALLENGE:

- This call of Paul to Timothy was not just a solemn charge being given to a pastor that will succeed him in ministry but it is the same charge given to every disciple and every believer of Jesus Christ that's commissioned to make disciples of all nations! Church you are to be faithful to the Word you are to preach; be faithful to the work on which you are to persist and be watchful of the warning you are to ponder! Keep this to heart: Ang panawagan ni Pablo kay Timoteo ay hindi lamang hamon na ibinigay sa isang pastor na susunod sa yapak sa ministeryo, ngunit ito ay isang hamon para sa lahat ng disipulo ni Hesukristo. Ang iglesya ay dapat gumawa pa ng mga disipulo sa lahat ng bansa. Maging tapat sa salita ng Diyos na ipapangaral, sa gawain na kailangang panindigan, at sa babala na kailangan mong pagnilay nilayin.
- "You are not your own; you are a man under orders. And the One who has drafted you and signed your orders expects that you carry them out in a manner worthy of Him, and in such a way that His authority and His kingdom cannot be ignored. Now go, labor, work, and do your duty well knowing that it is the greatest privilege under heaven to be in the personal service of the Almighty."- David Hegg

DISCUSSION:

- This solemn charge is in line with the great commission in Matthew 28: 18-20. What are the three things we as Christian 'leaders' ought to be faithful of? Ang hamon na ito ay tumutukoy sa dakilang panawagan ng Diyos sa Matt.28:18-20. Ano ang 3 bagay na dapat tayong maging tapat bilang mga pinuno?

- What are the Word we are to preach? Share one and explain. Ano ba ang Salita na dapat nating ipangaral? Ibahagi at ipaliwanag.
- What is the important attribute a Christian leader must have when it comes to his ministry work? [Ans: Persistence] [Share] Ano ba ang mahalagang katangian ng isang pinunong Kristiyano na dapat na taglayin nya sa ministeryo? [Sagot: Pagtitiyaga] Ibahagi.
- What idols can destroy your ministry? [Name one and share] Anong mga diyos diyosan ang sisira sa iyong ministeryo? Pangalanan ang isa.