

# MADE FOR *more*

*It's About More than What You Think*

Peter Nittler November 24, 2019 2 Timothy 4:1-8

## **The Point of the Passage:**

There will be people along the way who, for some reason or another, will walk away from Jesus. It is the believing person's responsibility to attempt to bring that person back to the truth.

*<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." 2 Timothy 4:2-5*

*Reprove:* to reprimand

*Rebuke:* to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone

*Exhort:* to strongly urge someone to do something

The Bind of the Passage: Do I *want* to do that?

## **Gorillas Hiding in Plain Sight:**

1. Paul Starts with \_\_\_\_\_.

*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. vs.1-2*

2. Paul is Concerned Less with \_\_\_\_\_ and More with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own **passions**, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into **myths**. vs.3-4

3. Paul Ends by Saying the Reward is for Those Who \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. v.8

### **The Fundamental Assumption:**

Human beings are not *primarily* THINKING-THINGS, human beings are *primarily* PASSION-DRIVEN PEOPLE<sup>1</sup>

**The Call of this Passage:** Wise, patient **conversation** about people's deepest desires and foundational stories, not heated **debate** over ideas

<sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching v.2

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<sup>1</sup> Follow these steps: (1) treat yourself to an early Christmas present and buy James K.A. Smith's *You are What You Love* (2) Read it! (3) Text me (925-330-7210) with the following text, "Peter! I just read the book. Can we get together to talk about it?" (4) Forgive me for being a slow-responder (5) Arrive at the agreed upon venue (6) Forgive me for being 3-5 minutes late