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Law/Gospel

Because of sin, I often deny Jesus by my words and actions and fail to live as His forgiven child. **God forgives my sins for Jesus' sake, strengthens my faith through His Word and Sacraments, and helps me live as His forgiven child, serving Him as I serve my neighbor.**

Bible Words

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the gift of faith in You that You have given us through Your Means of Grace. Make us ever eager to love and serve You as we share Your true Word with others through our words and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Timothy Lives as God's Child

1 Timothy 4:6–16; 2 Timothy 1:1–7

Around AD 60, Paul was taken as a prisoner to Rome, spending the winter on the island of Malta after the ship carrying him and other prisoners was shipwrecked. He was in Rome under house arrest for two years. After he was released from prison in Rome, Paul had further journeys, which we know about from his epistles. During this time, Paul wrote letters to his student Timothy, asking him to oversee and care for the brothers and sisters in Ephesus.

In order that Timothy would protect himself as well as those in his spiritual care, Paul charged his young friend to vehemently avoid false teachings. Drawing on his own experience with other congregations, Paul well realized how quickly and quietly false theology and philosophies can creep into a body of believers.

Timothy must not only avoid false teachings but also shun sinful behavior and immerse himself in the regular study of Scripture. In this manner, the Holy Spirit could educate and edify Timothy to become the leader Paul knew he could be.