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4. What is one weakness that Timothy has and what does Paul remind him of regarding it?
5. What pressures might pull at Timothy to be ashamed of the Gospel or of Paul? How would Paul’s reminding Timothy of the content of the Gospel (1:9-20) help Timothy not to be ashamed?
6. What kept Paul from being ashamed himself (1:12)? What keeps you from being ashamed of the Gospel?

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2. Have you had a spiritual parent or mentor like Paul? If so, who?
3. Have you had a spiritual child or trainee like Timothy? If so, who?
4. When you first decided to follow Jesus, did you assume it would be a bed of roses or a bed of nails? What have you learned about the cost of following Jesus since then?
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