**The Race (2 Timothy)**

**What is expected of the Racers (2 Timothy 4:1-8)**

**Recap:**

* **“Passing the Baton” (2 Timothy 3:10-17)**
  + **Model the Gospel (vv. 10-11)**
    - **Great Things**
    - **Hard Things**
  + **Embrace Hard Questions (vv. 12-13)**
  + **Passing the Baton correctly points not to us but to the power of the Gospel at work in us and through us (vv. 14-15)**
  + **Conclusion: Passing the Baton requires us to be fully equipped (vv. 16-17)**
* **2 Timothy 4:1-8**
* **Today we are going to look at what is expected of the Racers that are running the Gospel-Centered Race**
* **One of those expectations: The church is the Prophet of the Gospel.**
* **Prophet means: Proclaiming God’s Truth to the People.**
* **So how is the church to be a prophet of the Gospel in a Gospel-Centered Race?**

1. **Embrace the charge to preach the word (vv. 1-2)**
   1. **Preach=Proclaim**
   2. **Cast a Vision**
      1. **Reproof: Milder or Constructive Criticism or Disapproval**
      2. **Rebuke: Strong Criticism or Disapproval**
      3. **Exhort: Strongly Encourage, persuade to do something**
   3. **Method: Strong Patience**
2. **Acknowledge the Desperate Need to Preach the Word (vv. 3-4)**
   1. **Have I compromise our ability to preach the Word due to allegiance or ideology?**
   2. **What is Discipling You Right Now?**
3. **Expect Strong Resistance when Preaching the Word (vv. 5-6)**
   1. **Hebrews 4:12**
   2. **Matthew 5:11**
4. **Anticipate the Glorious Reward of Preaching the Word (vv. 7-8)**

**Conclusion:**

* **Paul charges Timothy to Preach the Word no matter the Season.**
* **Preach when it is popular.**
* **Preach when it is not.**
* **This puts the church in a position to be patiently prophetic to the world around us.**
* **A world that desperately needs us to preach the Word.**