

**4Ward on the Journey – 2 Timothy**  
**Message: In Compassion We Pursue**  
**Text: 2 Timothy 2:19-26 (AM 1/28/18)**

The Apostle Paul knew the end was near for him. What was his pressing concern? His estate? Family? Legacy? No, it was the *Gospel!* People were lost, *ensnared* in by the wiles of the devil. They needed to be *rescued!* He implored Timothy in perilous times to *share his faith* and lead Ephesus to follow his example. Today, our neighbors, as well as, the nations, are enslaved to sin, and Satan. They desperately need to hear the Good News! The Father has entrusted the Church, in this generation, to be *Witnesses* of His Hope.

**1<sup>st</sup> Witnesses are Separate (19)** “*Let everyone...depart from iniquity*”

Key: A serious witness is righteous

**2<sup>nd</sup> Witnesses are Sanctified (20-21)** “*Sanctified and useful to the Master*”

Key: The serious witness is radicalized

**3<sup>rd</sup> Witnesses are Single-Minded (22-23)** “*Pursue...faith, love, peace...*”

Key: The serious witness is resolute

**4<sup>th</sup> Witnesses are Stablished (24)** “*Gentle to all, able to teach, patient...*”

Key: A serious witness is ready

**5<sup>th</sup> Witnesses are Sharing (25)** “*Humbly correcting those... in opposition*”

Key: A serious witness is reaching. By Building Relationships of Hope: Through Gospel Conversations; Ministry in Motion; Regionally; Globally

**6<sup>th</sup> Witnesses are Saving (26a)** “*That they may come to their senses...*”

Key: A serious witness is reaping

**7<sup>th</sup> Witnesses are Snatching (26b)** “*They... escape the snare of the devil*”

Key: A serious witness is rescuing

**Application to life:** Each Journey step equips the Christian, and the Church for the final step – *Showing Jesus to our World*. The Great Commission, recorded in Acts 1:8, outlines our responsibility to be witnesses geographically – *locally, regionally, and globally*. Our TOUCH Strategy *equips* us, and Missions strategy *focuses* us. Each of us should daily seek *Gospel Conversations*. Our classes should be involved in regular *Ministry in Motion*. Students, and Families can do missions *Regionally*. Most can embark upon *Global Missions* with our daughter Church in Guatemala – Through Youth Sports Camps; VBS, Construction, Sewing, or Medical Missions.