

Order of Service

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Worship in Music

Worship in Fellowship

Worship in Message

Wayne Braudrick

Worship in Ordination

Jeremy Mikeska

Worship in Giving

Fighting For Public Testimony

1 Timothy 1:18-2:7

The Good Fight series

Life Change: We enjoy a public faith.

Secret agent Christians...

Timothy is entrusted with the truth that he is sent. 1:18-19

This prepared him for public ministry.

This prepared him to fight the good fight.

Living out our American citizenship in a manner that pleases God depends in large measure upon knowing and believing in [our] deeper identity. Remembering that we serve a King who loves us enough to have died for us gives us peace and hope regardless of America's condition. Believing that Christ welcomes us as fellow royalty in his court gives us security and a sense of place even if society marginalizes us. Knowing that Jesus' kingdom will never end arms us with patience. Recalling that our Master aims to ever broaden his dominion fires our efforts to be his worthy ambassadors.

– Charles Drew, *A Public Faith*

We represent Him in the public.

2 Cor. 5:17-20

A public faith is not an attempt to set up a theocracy.

We don't disrespect authority.

The Bible doesn't demand complete agreement on strategy.

We are not to mix private convictions in with public statements.

Hymenaeus & Alexander stray from the truth.

1:19-20

They stopped keeping faith.

They didn't keep a good conscience.

To fight the good fight of public faith, Paul calls for prayer. 2:1-4

This is primary.

This prayer is for all, especially public authorities.

This praying has two goals:

Godly Christian living.

Gospel communication to all.

Paul himself was sent to publicly proclaim Jesus.

2:5-7

Jesus is the mediator.

Jesus is the ransom.

Jesus is the public testimony of God's love.