

**Stand Firm...**

- In suffering for the gospel. (8)
- For your holy calling. (9-12a)
- By trusting in God's Word. (12b-14)
- With courageous believers. (15-18)

***Questions for Discussion:***

Have you ever had to suffer for the gospel?

If so, what happened?

Have you ever compromised your stand to avoid suffering for the gospel?

If so, what happened?

What does Paul mean by "a holy calling?"

How can understanding and remembering our holy calling help us to "stand firm?"

What would it look like to not "guard" the good deposit?

Have you ever observed this happening? What was the result?

Do you know of any Christians who have turned away from following the Lord?

How did their defection impact you? Other Christians you know?

Do you know of any Christians that Onesiphorus reminds you of?

In what way do they resemble Onesiphorus?

What would it look like for you to be an "Onesiphorus" to another Christian?