## "The Anchor of Authority"

1 Timothy 1:1-2

The challenges facing the church at Ephesus were significant! Paul had encountered "wild beasts" there (1 Corinthians 15:32), had tearfully warned them of "savage wolves" (Acts 20:29), and at one point had come to the very brink of death (2 Corinthians 1:8-9). A spiritual war now rages and that which is authoritative and true is under attack. In danger of reeling from turbulent seas, Timothy and the church needed an anchor...

Introduction and Setting:
1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,
1:2a To Timothy, a true son in the faith:
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1:2b Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
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Supporting Scripture References