

# Shaped by God's Word

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# The Crisis

- ▶ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,<sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,<sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,<sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

# The Crisis

- ▶ “A church’s worship habits may occupy two hours of a Christian’s week. But podcasts, radio shows, cable news, social media, streaming entertainment, and other forms of media account for upwards of 90 hours of their week.”

- Brett McCracken, *Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians?* (August 18, 2020)

# The Crisis

“What a strange year 2020 has turned out to be. We could label 2020 many things, but the potential label that most concerns me would be:

*2020—The Year of the Angry, Divisive Christian*

Everywhere I turn—Twitter, Facebook, church blog posts, individual conversations—I read and hear Christians *judging and condemning each other.*”

- Bob Kellemen, *Speaking the Truth in Love, or Just Angry, Arrogant, and Argumentative?* (October 12, 2020)

# The Crisis

- ▶ Urgency
- ▶ Intentionality
- ▶ Unity

# The Contrast

- ▶ <sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- 2 Timothy 3:10-13

# A Relationship

- ▶ <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- 2 Timothy 3:14-15



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# Four Relationship Questions (to ask when reading the Bible)

- ▶ What does this passage say about our God?
- ▶ What does this passage say about us?
- ▶ How would I live differently this week if I believed this?
- ▶ Who else do I know that needs encouragement from this passage?



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Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...  
Romans 12:2

