《天路导向》双语讲义

永不放弃 - 12 DON'T EVER GIVE UP - 12

SECTION A

<u>甲部</u>

- 1. Hello dear friend, and we are glad you joined us again.
 - 亲爱的朋友,你好,很高兴你再次收听我们 的节目,
- 2. You remember where we left off last week. 你记得上次我们讲到哪里吗?
- 3. We talked about the message of being relevant and being urgent and being patient, 我们讲到要迫切的、有针对性和忍耐的去传道,
- 4. And I told you that next week I will tell you why. 我说过在这一次节目中,会告诉你为什么要这样做。
- 5. And today I am going to tell you three reasons why Timothy must be relevant, urgent, and patient.

 今天我就要告诉你这三个原因,为什么提摩太必须迫切的、有针对性的和忍耐的传道。
- 6. The first one is in verse 1 of chapter 4, 第一个原因在提摩太后书 4 章第 1 节,
- 7. Because God will judge the Christians. 因为神会审判基督徒。
- 8. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead. 我在神面前,并在将来审判活人死人的基督耶稣面前嘱咐你。
- 9. Now some of the Christians have a problem with this, 现在有些基督徒对这节经文有疑问,
- 10. They take some passages out of context, 他们断章取义地读圣经,
- 11. Such as the text that there is no condemnation upon those who are in Christ Jesus, 例如经文说,在基督耶稣里的人不会被定罪,

- 12. And they say there is no judgement for the believer, 于是他们说,信徒不必受审判,
- 13. Once I believe, 只要我一相信,
- 14. I don't have to do anything else. 就不用做任何事了。
- 15. That is either willful ignorance, or deliberate disobedience.
 那是盲目闭塞,或是故意叛逆。
- 16. It is true we are absolutely saved by grace and grace alone, 不错,我们得救是完全倚靠恩典,我们惟独靠恩典得救,
- 17. You do nothing for your salvation, 你不用做任何事来换取救恩,
- 18. You only receive it. 你只要接受便可以了。
- 19. One cannot be saved through good works, 人不能靠行善得救,
- 20. But the judgement of the unbelievers is different from the judgement of the believer. 但是不信的人所受的审判与信徒受的审判是不同的。
- 21. The person who refuses salvation from hell that is offered to us through Jesus Christ will end up there.
 拒绝借着耶稣基督得救恩的人,最后会下到阴间;
- 22. But the judgement of the believers is going to be like an awards ceremony time, 但对信徒的审判却好像颁奖典礼一样,
- 23. In heaven we will each have different rewards, 在天上我们会得到不同的奖赏,
- 24. After all, God is not a communist, 毕竟, 神不是共产主义者,
- 25. He will not give us exactly the same reward, 祂不会给我们完全一样的奖赏,
- 26. That would not be fair, would it? 那就不公平了,是吗?

- 27. If you have a Bible I want you to turn to Ephesians chapter 2 beginning at verse 8, 如果你有圣经,请翻到以弗所书 2 章第 8 节 开始,
- 28. This is a familiar passage to Christians, 这段经文是基督徒所熟悉的,
- 29. For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing, it is a gift from God.

 你们得救是本乎恩,也因着信,这并不是出

你们得救是本乎恩,也因看信,这开个是出于自己,乃是神所赐的;

- 30. Not because of works lest any man should boast.也不是出于行为,免得有人自夸。
- 31. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in. 我们原是祂的工作,在基督耶稣里造成的,为要叫我们行善,就是神所豫备叫我们行的。
- 32. He said we are saved by grace, 保罗说: 我们得救是本乎恩,
- 33. But we are saved unto good works. 但神救我们是要叫我们行善。
- 34. Do you understand the difference? 你明白其中的区别吗?
- 35. Not through good works, 并不是靠好行为得救,
- 36. But to good works. 但叫我们得救后要有好行为。
- 37. If anybody says, well I am a Christian because I was born a Christian therefore and I don't have to give of myself. 假如有人说:我是基督徒,因为我生来就是基督徒,所以我不需要付出。
- 38. That is wrong. 那是错误的。
- 39. If somebody says I don't have to give of my substance, 假如有人说:我不需要有实质的付出,
- 40. Or because I am a Christian I don't have to do anything for the work of Christ, 或说因为我是基督徒,我不需要为基督做任何事,

- 41. Or because I am a Christian I don't have to live a clean and pure life, 或说因为我是基督徒,我不需要过圣洁和干净的生活,
- 42. This person if he is saved, he is in deep trouble. 假使这人是得救的话,他就有麻烦了。
- 43. Paul tells the Corinthians that the work of every Christian is going to be tested by fire. 保罗告诉哥林多教会,每个基督徒所建造的工程都要受火的试验。
- 44. Those who are lazy and self-centered Christians, 那些懒惰和自我中心的基督徒,
- 45. Their work will burn like when you strike a match to a bail of hay.
 他们的工程必像草木禾秸被火焚烧。
- 46. For those who have been faithful and have exercised their gifts, 对那些忠心又能发挥恩赐的人,
- 47. Those who have used their resources generously, 那些慷慨运用资源的人,
- 48. Those who have used their time wisely, 那些以智慧善用时间的人,
- 49. Those who have used their talents fully, 那些全力发挥他们才干的人,
- 50. When they are tested with fire, 当他们被火试验时,
- 51. They will be like gold, 他们要像纯金一样,
- 52. Gold that will shine brighter, 金子越烧越闪亮,
- 53. It will become purer. 越烧越纯净。
- 54. When they receive their rewards in heaven, it will be a glorious time. 当他们在天上接受奖赏时,是多么荣耀的一刻呀!
- 55. Let me ask you this, 让我问你,
- 57. Do you feel like Asaph in Psalm 73? 是否像亚萨在诗篇 73 篇的感受那样?

- 58. Do you know what Asaph did in Psalm 73? 你知不知道亚萨在诗篇 73 篇作了什么?
- 59. He looked around, 他环顾四周,
- 60. And then he saw that everybody who was not a believer was prospering, 他看见那些不信神的人个个都很富裕,凡事顺利,
- 61. They were not suffering, 他们没有吃过苦,
- 62. They were not sacrificing, 他们不用牺牲,
- 63. And yet, he as a believer was suffering for the sake of God. 然而,他自己身为信徒,却为神的缘故遭受苦难。
- 64. If you are feeling the same way, 如果你也有同样的感受,
- 65. First of all, I want you to go back and read the entire Psalm, Psalm 73. 首先请你回头去读整篇的诗,诗篇 73 篇,
- 66. And then I want to tell you that the Bible is telling us to be patient, 然后让我告诉你,圣经教我们要忍耐,
- 67. Because one day you will see, 因为有一天你会看见,
- 68. That those people who seem to be prosperous and having everything, 目前那些似乎很富裕,拥有一切的人,
- 69. They will be sliding with speed into hell and damnation, 他们必灭亡,并急速滑落到阴间里去,
- 70. You're faithfulness will be rewarded. 而你的忠心,必得着奖赏。
- 71. One day, 有一天,
- 72. You're perseverance will be honored by God himself.
 你的忍耐,必得神的称赞;
- 73. And you will receive a crown from his hand for your faithfulness.

 你必因忠心而从神手中接受冠冕。
- 74. Don't ever, ever give up, 永远、永远不要放弃,
- 75. So it is an urgent appeal, 这是迫切的呼吁,

- 76. It a relevant appeal, 是有针对性的呼吁,
- 77. And it must be done with patience, 同时必须忍耐等候,
- 78. Because in the last day, we will be rewarded, 因为到了末日,我们必得着奖赏,
- 79. And you will be rewarded according to the extent of your faithfulness. 必定按照你忠心的程度接受奖赏。
- 80. So the first reason is that God is going to judge the believers.

 所以,第一个原因就是,神要审判信徒。
- 81. The second reason why the appeal must be urgent, relevant, and patient, 要作出迫切的、有针对性的和忍耐的呼吁, 第二个原因是,
- 82. Because of the increasing unfaithfulness of others,因为不忠诚的人日益增加,
- 83. In verse 3, 在第 3 节,
- 84. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but have itching ears, 因为时候要到,人必厌烦纯正的道理,耳朵发痒,
- 85. They will accumulate to themselves teachers who will suit their liking. 就随从自己的情欲,增添好些师傅,并且掩耳不听真道,偏向荒渺的言语。
- 86. These people that Paul is talking about, 保罗这里所说的人,
- 87. Are known to us. 是我们熟悉的。
- 88. They are everywhere in the world, 世界各地都有这样的人,
- 89. We meet them everywhere we go. 无论我们到那里,都会遇见他们。
- 90. We meet them in the schools, 我们在学校里遇见他们,
- 91. We meet them in the social gatherings, 我们在社交场合遇见他们,
- 92. And we meet them in the places of our work, 我们在工作场所遇见他们,
- 93. Their motto is this, 他们的口号是,

- 94. Just a little bit of religion goes a long way. 只要和信仰沾点边,就大有用处。
- 95. I am a Christian, but I am open-minded. 我是基督徒,但我很开通;
- 96. I am a Christian, but I am not exclusively so. 我是基督徒,但我不排斥别人:
- 97. I am a Christian, but I don't want to talk about it. 我是基督徒,但我不谈论信仰;
- 98. I like to go to church to hear some sermons that make me feel good. 我喜欢到教会去听听顺耳的道。

SECTION B

乙部

- 1. Paul said, 保罗说:
- Such people are suffering from a pathological condition called itching ear. 从病理学来看,这类人得了耳朵发痒病。
- 3. They have an itching ear for novelty. 他们耳朵发痒,只想听些新奇的东西;
- 4. They have an itching for what is only bland and watered down. 他们耳朵发痒,只想听些风花雪月、无关痛痒的东西:
- 5. They have an itching to hear what will not convict them of their sins, 他们耳朵发痒,只能听些不需要他认罪的道理,
- 6. Or convict them of their need to repent. 或告诉他不需要悔改:
- 7. And the only relief they get from their condition, 在他们的处境中,惟一使他们感到轻松和解脱的,
- 8. Is when they hear a preacher who tells them what they want to hear, 就是听听传道人讲些迎合他们喜好的东西,
- 9. The reality is that their ears are stopped up against the truth, 事实上,他们的耳朵已经塞住了,听不进真理,

- 10. They will only unstop their ears long enough when they hear someone who relieves their itching by scratching.
 除非有人能搔搔痒处,否则他们就是充耳不闻。
- 11. The criterion by which they judge the preacher, 这就是他们判断传道人的标准,
- 12. Regardless whether it is the truth or not. 而不在乎他们所讲的合不合真理。
- 13. They reject the sound teaching said Paul, 保罗说他们厌烦纯正的道理,
- 14. They will select leaders who will make them feel good, 他们会挑选一些让他们感到舒服的人做领袖,
- 15. So what is Timothy to do? 那么,提摩太该怎么办?
- 16. Verse 5 tells us, 第 5 节说:
- 17. He is to stay the course. 他要尽自己的职分:
- 18. He is to fulfill his ministry regardless of the cost.
 他要不惜代价地完成传道的工夫;
- 19. He is to endure suffering. 他要忍受苦难;
- 20. He is to refuse to compromise. 他要拒绝妥协。
- 21. Here is what someone said about this verse, 有人这样解说这段经文,
- 22. Whenever the Bible faith becomes unpopular, 每当圣经的教义渐渐不受欢迎,
- 23. Many Christians are tempted to mute the elements which give most offense. 就有许多基督徒企图遮掩那些会引起反感的事,避而不谈。
- 24. You may be suffering for your faith right now, 目前你可能正在为信仰而受苦,
- 25. God's power is with you. 何神的能力与你同在。
- 26. Do you know that when the time happened in history when Christianity became the law of the land,

你知道吗?历史上当基督教成为当地的法律时,

- 27. Christianity was weakened. 基督教就衰弱了:
- Christianity is strong only when it is under pressure.
 基督教只有在压迫下才会强壮。
- 29. Someone said Christianity is like a tea bag, 有人说基督教好像茶包一样,
- 30. It does not show its power until it gets in hot water. 除非将茶包放进开水里,否则显不出它的浓郁来。
- 31. Let me illustrate to you from history, 让我从历史来说明一下,
- 32. When the Christians were being burned at the stake during the first 200 years, 头两百年间,基督徒被烧死在火刑柱上,
- 33. Christianity was very strong. 那时基督教非常兴盛;
- 34. But then about 313 AD, 但后来,大约在公元 313 年,
- 35. When Emperor Constantine issued the edit of Milan, 君士坦丁大帝签署米兰条约,
- 36. In which he said that Christianity has now become the religion of the empire, 他宣布基督教定为国教,
- 37. Lots of people hurried up and became Christians, 许多人争先恐后地成为基督徒,
- 38. They became members of the church, 他们加入教会,
- 39. They were accepted quickly into baptism, 他们很快便接受洗礼,
- 40. But only the Lord who is the searcher of the heart knows how many of those remained pagan at heart.
 但只有鉴察人心的主才知道,其中有多少人内心仍然信奉异教。
- 41. But we know their harmful influence on the church of Jesus Christ, 但我们知道,他们对耶稣基督的教会带来多坏的影响,
- 42. They began to mix Christianity with paganism, 他们把异教和基督教混杂在一起,
- 43. And demanded more and more concessions from the Christians. 并要求基督徒不断的让步。

- 44. They brought a pagan form of worship in the church.
 他们将异教的崇拜方式带入教会:
- 45. They disregarded Christian discipline in the church.
 他们漠视基督教会里的纪律;
- 46. And they brought Christianity into conformity with paganism.
 他们使基督教随从异教的模式。
- 47. Because Christianity became popular, 因为基督教变得大众化,
- 48. Because the offense of the cross had ceased, 因为十字架不再使人反感,
- 49. The reproach of the name of Christ was gone, 基督之名不再责备人心,
- 50. And as the church grew in favor with people, 教会渐渐地迎合人们的喜好,
- 51. It lost power with God, 它失去了神的能力,
- 52. Until they ended up with a semi-pagan medieval church. 直到最后变成不伦不类的中世纪教会。
- 53. I firmly believe the following, 我坚定的相信,
- 54. Just as the church started with the supernatural power of God in the midst of opposition, 正如初期教会在反对势力中,靠着神超自然的大能建立起来,
- 55. Now at the end of times, 到现在这末世的日子,
- 56. The faithful remnant will face many oppositions, 忠心遗留下来的人会面对许多对抗,
- 57. But they will have the supernatural power of God with them, 但有神超自然的大能与他们同在,
- 58. Just as the church began, so it will end. 教会如此开始,也将如此结束。
- 59. You know what that says? 你知道那是什么意思吗?
- 60. Jesus is coming back soon, 主耶稣就快要回来,
- 61. And that's the good news. 那就是福音!
- 62. Now back to II Timothy, 现在回到提摩太后书,

- 63. The apostle Paul is about to die, 使徒保罗将要面对死亡,
- 64. And he's telling Timothy now to keep the gospel alive.
 他要提摩太保持福音的生命力。
- 65. Paul is in chains, 保罗虽在捆锁中,
- 66. Timothy proclaims the freeing gospel. 但提摩太要去宣告使人自由的福音。
- 67. Verse 6 Paul said, 保罗在第 6 节说:
- 68. The time of my departure has come. 我离世的时候到了。
- 69. And the word departure here is a very significant word, 这里所用的"离世"这个词别具意义,
- 70. It's a word that's used when a ship pulls anchor and is lifted, 这个词原来是形容船拉起锚,
- 71. And is ready to sail to another shore. 预备开航到另一海岸去。
- 72. What a beautiful picture of dying for the believer. 这样形容信徒的死,是多么美丽的一幅图画!
- 73. Of departing from shore to shore. 离开一岸,航行到另一岸。
- 74. Paul said I fought the good fight. 保罗说: 那美好的仗我已经打过了。
- 75. Like the faithful soldier, 就像忠心的士兵,
- 76. Paul stayed in the middle of the heat of the battle, 保罗在激烈的战争中奋勇作战,
- 77. He did not run away, 他没有逃走,
- 78. He did not hide, 他没有躲藏,
- 79. He did not choose the shady spot, 他没有偏安一方,
- 80. He did not give up, 他没有放弃,
- 81. He did not get the easy jobs, 他没有避重就轻,

- 82. He did not run away from the front line. 他没有逃避上前线。
- 83. Paul has said, 保罗说,
- 84. I have run the race. 当跑的路我已经跑尽了。
- 85. The Christian life is like the running of a marathon, 基督徒的生命正如马拉松长途赛跑一样,
- 86. Paul has kept on running no matter how tired he got, 保罗无论有多疲倦,他继续地往前跑,
- 87. No matter how exhausted he often felt. 即使他经常感到筋疲力尽,他仍跑下去。
- 88. Paul's Olympic medal is not like the Greeks used to give, 保罗所获得的奥林匹克金牌,并不是希腊人平常颁发的那种,
- 89. It's not a green wreath, 不是常绿叶的桂冠,
- 90. But rather, 而是,
- 91. It is a crown of justification for standing for the truth.
 因着他能守住真道,而获得公义的冠冕。
- 92. I don't want you to miss this point here, 我希望你不要忽略这个重点,
- 93. Not only Paul is getting that crown, 不单止保罗得着那冠冕,
- 94. He says that all those who are not afraid of the return of Christ will also get one, 他说: 那不害怕基督再来的人,也可得着冠冕,
- 95. All those who are looking forward to his return will be crowned. 凡爱慕主回来的人,都可得着冠冕。
- 96. The unbelievers are afraid of the return of Christ.
 不信主的人害怕基督的再来;
- 97. The unbelievers don't want to think of the end of the world.
 不信主的人,不愿意思想末世的日子;

SECTION C

丙部

1. The unbelievers don't want to think about the cosmic universal catastrophes that are about to happen.

不信主的人,不愿意思想宇宙大灾难将要发生;

- The unbeliever does not want to think of a new heaven and a new earth.
 不信主的人,不愿意思想新天新地。
- 3. Why? 为什么?
- 4. Because they are not ready to meet Christ, 因为他们没有预备迎见基督,
- 5. And that is the test, 那是个考验,
- 6. Are you ready to meet the Lord? 你预备好见主吗?
- If you are not, 如果你还没有预备好,
- 8. Then you need to do some business with God right now, 你现在需要与神做笔交易,
- 9. You need to surrender your life to him right now, 你现在需要将生命交给神,
- 10. And you need to ask Jesus to come into your life, 你需要请耶稣进入你的生命里,
- 11. He will let you look forward to his coming back.

 社会使你爱慕衪的再来。
- 12. I want to close this session right now, 现在这个节目快要结束,
- 13. And in closing I want to share with you a message that was written on a piece of paper that was found in the house of a Christian martyr.

结束时,我想和你分享一个信息,是在一个 基督徒殉道者的屋里所找到的一张纸上所写 的。

- 14. Here's what he said, 这是他所说的,
- 15. I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed, 我属于毫无羞愧团体的一份子,

- 16. The dye has cast, 已铸成模型,
- 17. I have stepped over the line, 我已跨出限制,
- 18. The decision has been made, 做出决定,
- 19. I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ. 我是耶稣基督的门徒。
- 20. I will not look back, 我不再回头,
- 21. Let up, 不再停止,
- 22. Slow down, 不再缓慢,
- 23. Back away, 不再退后,
- 24. Or be still. 或停止不动。
- 25. My past is redeemed, 我的过去已得赎,
- 26. My presence makes sense, 我的现在有了意义,
- 27. My future is secure. 我的未来已有把握。
- 28. I am finished and done with low living, 我不再过低俗的生活,
- 29. And sight walking, 不再凭眼见行走,
- 30. Smooth knees, 膝盖不再光滑,
- 31. Colorless dreams, 梦想不再单调,
- 32. Tamed vision, 远景不再平凡,
- 33. Worldly talking, 不谈属世言论,
- 34. Cheap giving, 不再吝啬施与,
- 35. And dwarf goals, 目标不再短浅,
- 36. My face is set, 我下定决心,
- 37. My gait is fast, 我加快步伐,

- 38. My goal is heaven, 天堂是我的目的地,
- 39. My road is narrow, 我的路是窄的,
- 40. My way is rough, 我的路是崎岖的,
- 41. My companions are few, 我的同伴是稀少的,
- 42. My guide is reliable, 我的指引是可靠的,
- 43. My mission is clear, 我的使命是清晰的,
- 44. I won't give up, 我不会放弃,
- 45. Shut up, 不会沉默,
- 46. Or let up, 或是半途而废,
- 47. Till I have stayed up, 我保持儆醒,
- 48. Stored up, 养精蓄锐,
- 49. Prayed up, 不住祷告,
- 50. For the cause of Christ, 为基督的缘故,
- 51. I must go until he comes, 我勇往直前,等候主来,
- 52. Give 'til I drop, 鞠躬尽瘁,
- 53. Preach 'til everyone knows, 将福音传遍天下,
- 54. And when he comes for his own, 当主再来,接属于祂的人,
- 55. He will have no trouble recognizing me, 池必认得我,
- 56. Because my banner will have been very clear, 因我的旗帜十分鲜明,
- 57. Will this be your motto? 你会不会以此为你的座右铭呢?
- 58. I pray that it is, 我为此祈求,
- 59. God bless you, 愿神赐福给你,

60. And good-bye. 再会!