

# *Metaphors* for the Church



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<sup>1</sup>I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness.  
Do bear with me!

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## 2: The Church Needs to Guard Against False Views of Jesus & False Gospels (vss. 3-4)

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## 2 Timothy 1:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.



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