



## A Precious Family Heirloom

### 2 Timothy 1:1-5

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#### **The Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

#### 1) Paul's last letter.

Why is this significant?

#### 2) According to the promise of life.

Paul's surety of the eternal life promised, allowed him to invest his earthly life fully towards God's kingdom.

This same truth should fuel us towards Kingdom development.

#### 3) Faith as a family heirloom.

Paul mentions the faith of his own ancestors, and of Timothy's family. He sees how our closest relationships become a primary means that God uses to plant faith in his children.

Sometimes, we think kingdom work has to come through the launching of massive ministries with far reaching impact, but the norm of scripture is actually people investing in a small group of people for gospel purposes. Disciple-making friendships start in our families.

#### 4) Depth of relationship.

Kingdom relationships should be of the deepest nature. Look at the way Paul refers to his affection for Timothy.

In our modern church culture, we can sometimes keep our brothers and sisters at arm's length. We can hesitate to let people too close. See how deeply Paul cherishes Timothy and ask yourself if you have these kinds of relationships.

## Sunday Text Questions for 2 Timothy 1:1-5 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What would you do if you knew you had a month to live? A day?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) To what degree are these things fueled by a love of God and his gospel? How might greater gospel alignment in your life, change the way you approach this scenario?
- 4) What is your family’s faith legacy? Have you seen faith passed down as a precious gift in your family, or does God use other means to introduce you to Christ?
- 5) What ways could you celebrate more deeply and give testimony to the relationships that God used to draw you to faith?
- 6) Have you ever experienced the type of depth of relationship that seems to exist between Paul and Timothy in the church? If so, please share.
- 7) Why do you think this type of relationship can be hard to come by in our churches?
- 8) What could you do to help develop and foster these types of relationships in our own lives? In the lives of your children?