

Scripture this week:

2 Timothy 1:1-7

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I 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. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Help People Help People Love God

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Paul writes to encourage and inspire Timothy to continue to devote his life to helping people help people love God. From Paul's letter we see 3 keys to helping people love God:

1. Paul has deep affection for Timothy.
2. Paul cares most about Timothy's faith in Jesus.
3. Paul encourages Timothy to passionately and boldly help people love God.

Life Group Questions:
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Notes:

1. What are the elements of Paul's greeting in verses 1 and 2? What do we learn about Paul? About Timothy? And, about God?
2. What do we learn about Paul and Timothy's relationship in verses 3 and 4?
3. In your own words, summarize Paul's charge to Timothy in vv. 6-7.
4. What does a life look like that is characterized by Christ-like power, love, and self-control?
5. Who in your life is like Paul – stretching, challenging, and encouraging your faith?
6. Who in your life is like Timothy – someone that you are encouraging toward a stronger, bolder faith?
7. As a Life Group, how can we encourage one another toward the kind of lovingly bold Christianity that Paul wants for Timothy?