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UNIT 3: FAITHFUL WITNESSES | LESSON 12

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Timothy, a Leader with a Legacy

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1–6; 3:14–16

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Key Text: I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Timothy 1:5

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Today's Focus

- 1. Identify the parts of Timothy's upbringing that contributed to his identity as a faithful witness.**
- 2. Explain the wisdom that comes from the study of God's Word.**
- 3. List practices that might nurture children youth young adults and adults into becoming faithful witnesses.**

INTRODUCTION

Modern culture applauds the facade of the self-made, celebrity, followers and faith,

Today Paul shows us a better way, by teaching how faith formed in community lives.

Timothy's legacy took root through family and mentors, not isolation.



Context: Apostle Paul

**Persecutor
Student
Preacher
Pastor
Apostle
Author
Prisoner**

Who Was the Apostle Paul?

**Born in Tarsus Cilicia, a Roman Citizen,
Former persecutor turned apostle.**

Acts 9:1–19,

**Studied under the renown rabbi,
Gamaliel, in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3).**

Authored thirteen books in New Testament.

Spiritual Father of Timothy in the faith.

**Wrote 2 Timothy from prison, near the end
of his life.**

Context: Timothy

**Son |
Servant
Student
Teacher
Preacher
Pastor
Mentee
Vessel**

Who Was Pastor Timothy?

Born To A Jewish mother and a Greek father.

Nearly 40 years old when he received this letter. (*Acts 16:1–*)

Was taught scriptures in early years by Lois and Eunice.

Mentored in ministry by the Apostle Paul. Pastor in Ephesus.

2 TIMOTHY 2: 1 - 2

- 1. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.**
- 2. To Timothy, my beloved child:**
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 TIMOTHY 2: 3 - 5

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

- 3. I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did when I remember you constantly in my prayer's night and day.**
- 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.**

Parents in Faith and Love *

James grew up without a father in the home, yet his mother and Grandmother ensured he went to church and participated.

A youth pastor became his spiritual father, just as Paul became Timothy's.

Although connected by marriage, after both husbands died Naomi and Ruth shared a mentor mother & daughter Love bond.

Loving fathers and mothers can come from unexpected places.



Having a loving Spiritual Father or Mother is a Blessing





QUESTIONS??

- 1. Who do you know with sincere faith, and how does it influence you?**
- 2. What habits help you remember examples of faith?**
- 3. What does sincere faith look like in daily choices?**
- 4. How can you thank a mentor who shaped your faith?**

2 TIMOTHY 2: 5 - 7

- 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.**
- 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands,**
- 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.**

Fuel In The Flame (2 Timothy 1:6)

- 1. Paul urges Timothy to keep his God-given gift active, not dormant, hidden or timid!**
- 2. Like a spark, spiritual gifts need to be tended and used.**
- 3. The gift came through the laying on of hands a sign of commissioning.**

2 TIMOTHY 2: 13 - 14

¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

2 TIMOTHY 2: 13 - 14

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia have turned away from me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain;

Foundation of Faith (2 Timothy 1:3-4)

Paul thanks God and prays for Timothy night and day.

He remembers Timothy's tears and longs to see him again.

Consistent prayer marks deep spiritual mentorship.

A Legacy of Sincere Faith (2 Timothy 1:5)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**Timothy's faith first lived in his grandmother Lois
and mother Eunice.**

**“Sincere” means genuine, no pretense, honest.
Paul is confident that same faith now lives fully
in Timothy.**

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Imitation and Encouragement

- 1. Timothy's legacy came from mother, grandmother, and spiritual father.**
- 2. No one disciples, or is disciplined, alone.**
- 3. Faithful mentors leave a lasting spiritual inheritance.**

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" 1 Corinthians 3:6

QUESTIONS??

- 1. Is discipleship meant to be done alone?
(Mark 6:7; Acts 13:2–3; Hebrews 10:24–25)**
- 2. In what ways are you leaning on the
community of faith?**
- 3. Who in your life needs you to walk alongside
them?**
- 4. What keeps believers from seeking
community in their growth?**

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Closing Prayer

Father, we thank you for spiritual fathers and mothers. Shape us into godly mentors and leaders. Help us encourage others through discouragement and uncertainty and fears.

Amen.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

**Remember your faith, heritage and trust
the Scripture's instruction, and the
Holy Spirit of the Lord.**

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AMEN
