



Sunday, May 10, 2020

2 Timothy 1:3-7

A Time of Worship

Pray—what are some things (or some individuals) you have been praying about this week that you'd like to pray about together?

Opener: *Share a favorite memory you have of your mother with your family. If able, express it to her. If not, share the memory with your family and why it is special to you.*

Bible Study: Read **2 Timothy 1:3-7**

Discuss:

- Paul seems to have been something of a 'spiritual father' to Timothy. How important do you suppose that relationship was to Timothy's mother?
- What do you think Paul meant by the phrase "sincere faith"? He uses the word *anupokritou* which literally meant what?
- How did Jim contrast this kind of faith with the kind we often see today? Using your own words, describe *anupokritou*.
- How does James help to flesh it out? (cf. James 2:17-18) You might also reference Eph 4:14 & Hebrews 11:1 which Jim made allusions to.
- We cannot 'give' someone else our faith, not even our own children. What we CAN do is share it, model it and nurture it in others. What sorts of things do you imagine Eunice & Lois did to instill their faith within Timothy?
- How do you suppose Paul meant for Timothy to "fan into flame" the gift of the Spirit he had been given? What sorts of spiritual practices light the fire of God's Spirit in your life?

Application:

Thinking about your own faith... can you pinpoint the time in which you were able to say it was "your own"? When did YOU begin to own your faith as opposed to it just being something your parents were teaching you?

What role did your mother play in your developing your own faith? What other significant women were there in your life who contributed to this?

How are YOU sharing, modeling & nurturing faith in others? What have you done to instill the faith in your children? In friends or any others?

Every Christian mother desires for her son or daughter to come to a sincere faith in God. How are you doing in this?