

Thriving under pressure

Practical lessons from 2 Timothy

2 Timothy 1:1-7 – part 1

Remember...

1. Paul's passion in life – the Gospel that brings life

"This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 1:1

2. The importance of being a godly role model to advance the gospel

"I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you."

2 Timothy 1:5

- Walk
- Talk

"You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim 3:15

3. Use your spiritual gift for the glory of God

"This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you." 2 Tim 1:6

Timothy's example:

Heart – for people & Church

"I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare." Phil 2:20

Experiences -

- Often ill
- Background (Greek father & Jewish mother)
- Young & inexperienced

Often in our lives the very things we don't like about ourselves or see as weaknesses, when placed in the Lord's hands, become the very things that he is able to use in us the most.

Challenge: Who is your Timothy?

- Start to pray

"Timothy, I thank God for you...Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers."
2 Timothy 1:3

- Meet up for a coffee
- Be open
- Share the scriptures together
- Be ready to learn
- Ask for help