



**LOVE
DOES**

**Pass on the Jersey
2 Timothy 1**

- **Humans have a built in desire to live forever**
- **Some say that one of the most powerful drives to have children is so that we can live on thru them and further generations**
- **In Christianity, we are called to experience this through mentoring/discipleship**
- **Unfortunately, American Christianity isn't doing a very good job of passing on the faith**

· **We are passing through this life- what will we pass on to others?**

· **Those closest to us? In our church?
In Christianity?**

2 Timothy 1:1-6

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

- **Like Paul, we have to see ourselves on mission and being part of the line of faith that will go forward when we are gone**
- **Who are you sending out and blessing with the power of the Spirit with the mission of the Gospel?**
- **In addition to Paul, his mother and grandmother passed faith on to Timothy**
- **They saw it as their mission to prepare Timothy for his God-given mission**

- **Paul is reminding Timothy to take the gift of faith and mission and fan it into a flame**
- **What can cause our flame to die out?**
 - **Neglect**
 - **Hard work**
 - **Not being filled with the Spirit**
- **Fan it into a flame- God's eternal plans includes you and your gifts!**

2 Timothy 1:6-9

6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

- **This all sounds so hard and time-consuming and uncomfortable**
- **God calls us to serve beyond our natural capabilities, but we want to maintain our comfort**
- **Do you want an explainable life?**
- **Are you desperate for God to come through and fill you with power for life and mission?**

· **Can your present life continue to be lived without the filling of the Spirit, a forgery of Christian living?**

· **Leave a legacy of being Spirit led!**

2 Timothy 1:13-14

13 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

- **What are we supposed to pass on and leave behind?**
- **Doctrine and how it applies to life**
- **Daily experiences with the Gospel**

2 Timothy 1:15-18

15 You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; 17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me-- 18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day-- and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.

- **Just when you think this will be easy, remember Paul's and Jesus' struggles with discipleship**
- **Aren't you glad Jesus modeled this kind of struggle in legacy-leaving?**
- **What do you do when you "fail" at discipling?**
 - **Press on to Timothy, Lois, Eunice and Onesiphorus**
 - **The others must be entrusted to God for renewal or judgment**
 - **Your faithfulness matters because Love Does!**

- **Who will carry on your faith?**
- **Who will be reminded to fan the flame of their faith because of you?**
- **Who are you passing your faith on to?**
- **“What you leave behind is not on stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others.” Pericles**
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