

Fear Not!

The Ghost Series
2 Timothy 1:6-9

Connect:

- When is it most difficult for you to trust God?
- What has been a long-time fear in your life?

In 2 Timothy 1:6-9, Paul is encouraging Timothy to continue serving the Lord with all of his strength, in spite of opposition. Read the following passage of Scripture, noting the several reasons why Timothy must not be afraid and be steadfast in his service for God.

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. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for Him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time—to show us His grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:6-9

Discuss how the following can impact our fears in life:

- How does possessing a "genuine faith", that leads to salvation, affect our fears?

Can you give witness to a time when knowing that you are saved displaced fear?

- How might exercising my spiritual gifts lessen my fears?

How has the exercising of your spiritual gift helped encourage others?

-Pastor Brandon shared how the Holy Spirit provides power, love and self-discipline to take the place of fear and timidity. Can you relate a time when the Holy Spirit showed up and gave you one of these three things and in doing so, it helped you overcome a time of weakness?

-Is there any kind of expectation we should have concerning suffering in this life? What is it?

-Our greatest fear in life could be the fact that we deserve to be separated from our Creator for an eternity. Yet, because of God, we can eliminate this fear. According to this passage of Scripture, why did God provide salvation for us?

What do you need to do this week to demonstrate that your strength is found in the power of Holy Spirit?

What current fear(s) in your life can you bring under the control and authority of faith, spiritual giftedness, and God's power, love, and self-discipline?