

Faith That Works

Deep Roots: Growing Strong in Every Season

Faith That Endures – 5/13/26

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1–5 (NIV)

Ice Breaker

What is something you learned from your mother, grandmother, or another influential person that still stays with you today?

Big Idea

Enduring faith is sincere, visible, and influential. Real faith does not only impact our lives, it strengthens and shapes others over time.

Read the Text

2 Timothy 1:1–5

As you read, pay attention to:

- repeated themes
 - relationships
 - how Paul describes faith
 - what made Timothy's faith noticeable
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First Observations

What stands out to you from this passage?

Verses 1–2: Faith That Encourages

Paul opens this letter with affection, encouragement, and spiritual connection toward Timothy.

What words or phrases show the relationship between Paul and Timothy?

What stands out to you about the kind of spiritual relationship Paul and Timothy had?

Reflective Questions

Why is encouragement important in a person's spiritual growth?

Who are some people that have encouraged or strengthened your faith over time or been spiritual mentors?

Verse 3: Faith That Perseveres

Paul says he serves God continually and remembers Timothy in prayer.

What does this verse tell us about Paul's prayer life?

What do you think Paul says he serves with a clear conscience?

Practical Questions

Paul says he constantly prays for Timothy, why do you think intercessory prayer is so important?

What are some habits or practices that help faith remain strong during difficult seasons?

What are some situations where people especially need others praying for them?

What are some practical ways people can become more intentional about praying for others?

Verses 4–5: Faith That Is Lived Out

Paul describes Timothy's faith as sincere and says it first lived in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

What do you think it means to have a sincere faith?

Paul says Timothy's mother and grandmother lived out their faith. Do you ever think about how your faith is reflected in the way you live?

Reflective Questions

What are some ways faith can be demonstrated through everyday life?

Why is lived-out faith often more influential than spoken faith?

What are some ways a person's faith becomes visible in everyday life?

Generational Faith

Paul connects Timothy’s faith to the influence of previous generations.

What does this passage teach us about spiritual influence across generations?

How can someone impact another person’s faith without even realizing it?

Final Reflection

What do you hope people remember most about your faith and spiritual influence?
