



We've all had someone invest in our life. It could have been a soccer coach, a high school teacher, or a former employee. For the last seven weeks we've looked at several passages in Scripture to help us combat fear, worry, and anxiety. We've learned how God's word can calm the fears in our life. We've seen how the truth of God gives us freedom from worry. Today we're going to look at a passage in the New Testament where a mentor encourages his mentee to continue in Gospel Ministry. In 2 Timothy 1:1-14 we see Paul emphasize how Christ followers are called to invest in the lives of others at a great cost. Study these questions together!

1. Thinking back on your life, who is someone who played a significant role in your life? This could be a former coach, teacher, or mentor. Share about the investment this person made in your life and what made it so valuable.
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-5. Paul told Timothy that he was constantly praying for him (Read Ephesians 6:18, James 5:16, and 1 Thessalonians 5:17). What do these verses teach us about prayer and what currently is consuming your thinking?
3. Read 2 Timothy 1:6-7. Paul encouraged Timothy to fan into flame the gift God had given him. Neal offered three ways to fan our faith this summer: prayer, obedience to God's word, and living a life of faith. Which one do you desire to focus on most?
4. History tells us that Timothy was a timid man. Paul invites him to trust deeply in the power of the Holy Spirit and live a self-disciplined life. What is something you struggle with and want to grow in spiritually this summer? (see Galatians 5:22-24)
5. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12. Paul told Timothy not to be ashamed of the gospel message or his current situation; he invited Timothy to join in suffering for the Gospel (read Acts 4:3, 12:1-4, and 14:19-20). What are some ways we suffer for our faith today?
6. If you focus on verse 9, it's evident that Paul wanted Timothy to focus on the grace of our salvation. Read John 8:1-11, Romans 3:24, Ephesians 2:8-10, 2 Timothy 1:9. These verses teach us more about grace. How can we pass on this message of salvation and the grace of God to those closest to us?

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7. Read 2 Timothy 1:13-14. Paul gave Timothy two commands: Keep the pattern of sound teaching and guard the good deposit. In a world filled with distractions and bad theology how can we follow these commands?
  
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.