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2 Timothy 1:1 – 10 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. – 2 Timothy 1:1 – 2 (ESV)

... But the word of God is not bound! – 2 Timothy 2:9 (ESV)

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner ... – 2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. – 2 Timothy 1:3 – 5 (ESV)

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. – 2 Timothy 1:6 – 7 (ESV)

- **Call out your fears**

... for God gave us a spirit not of fear ... – 2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

- **Fuel the fire**

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ... – 2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV)

- **Lean into the Spirit**

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but one of power, love and self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:7 (ISV)

- **Hold on to hope**

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ... – 2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)

... who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ... – 2 Timothy 1:9 – 10 (ESV)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What has been one of your favorite “*moments*” in the Olympics so far?
- “*Pusillanimity*” is a feeling of inadequacy or smallness of soul. Why might Timothy have been feeling that way in the face of the relational and theological messes in the church at Ephesus? What causes us to feel that way in life?
- How did God speak to you from His word this week?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:7. If God did not give us a spirit of “*fear*”, what type of Spirit does He give us? How do we call out our fears before God? Give an example of a time when you had to do that?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:6. What kinds of things extinguish your passion for living for Christ? What has God used to fan the flame in your walk with the Lord? Why is using our gifts for God such an important part of our relationship with Him?
- Pastor Jon said, “*It is not the work we do, but the relationship we gain with God in the process that matters.*” When we accept the call and step into a moment for God, why is this truth so important to remember?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:8 – 10. What are some of the hope-filled principles from these verses?
- Pray for God to clarify any “*Ephesus moments*” in your life right now that He wants you to step into. Also, lift up our Endless Summer gathering after church next Sunday, and pray for people to become more connected.