

The Impact of a Mother's Faith 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14–15

SERMON OUTLINE

Intro: The faith of John and Charles Wesley's mother.

Clarifications:

- Your faith doesn't automatically generate faith in your kids
- Your standing before God doesn't depend on your kids' faith
- You are not less than anyone else if you don't have children
- This sermon is not just for mothers; it's for everyone

What kind of faith does God use to strengthen His servants?

I. It is a Genuine Faith

- A. Faith shared by Eunice, Lois, Timothy was "sincere faith"
- B. Abraham a biblical example of sincere faith (Romans 4)
- C. True faith is proven genuine by trial and persecution

II. It is a Consistent Faith

- A. Eunice was a believer; Timothy's father was not
- B. Eunice's faith stood the tests of time and trial

III. It is a Communicated Faith (2 Tim. 3:14–15)

- A. It was Timothy's mom & grandma who taught him faith
- B. The power is in God's Word, not yours

IV. It is a Scriptural Faith (2 Tim. 3:16–17)

- A. Timothy was taught "the sacred writings" from early age
- B. The Scriptures bear fruit in our lives

V. It is a Saving Faith

- A. The Scriptures "are able to make you wise for salvation"
- B. Timothy saw simple, saving faith in mom & grandma
- C. Timothy possessed the same simple, saving faith

APPLICATIONS

- Nostalgia can be dangerous, but it can also spur us on
- Is there a gap b/t your profession of faith & practice of faith?
- Think back to the faith you were taught
- Are God's Word and church the clear priorities in your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your fondest memory of mom or grandma?
2. What were the clear priorities you were taught growing up?
3. Who did God use to teach you the faith?
4. Take an honest inventory of your life. What does your approach to the Lord's Day teach your family?
5. What are some practical ways we can teach our children and grandchildren the faith of the Scriptures?
6. Encouragement: it's never too late to start teaching faith.
7. What are some useful tools for teaching kids God's Word?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

PREVIOUS HOMEWORK

1. Read Revelation 19. Ask God to help you see and understand Jesus more clearly.
2. Examine your fears and anxieties. Ask God to help you trust in His protection and trust Him to work for your good.

HOMEWORK

1. If your mom (or grandma) taught you the faith, call her and thank her! (If she's passed away, thank God for her).
2. Make a plan for teaching your family God's Word and ask someone in your CG to hold you accountable.

2 Timothy 3:16	THINKING	DOING	
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<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“PUT OFF”</p>		Correcting	Rebuking