



# Timothy

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2 Tim. 1:1-7

## General:

- If you knew your time on earth was short, what would you write to your loved ones? What would you want your final words to be?
- What stands out to you in the tone or themes of Paul's words in 2 Timothy?
- What can we learn about the relationship between Paul and Timothy in these opening verses? What can we learn from their connection?
- Pastor Chip highlights Paul's mentioning of his calling to be an apostle is a gift from Christ, the will of God, and according to the Gospel. How do you discern God's calling in your life?
- Pastor Chip talks briefly about Timothy (Jewish mother, Greek father, Timothy's pastoral heart, etc.). What part of Timothy's story resonates most with you personally?
- Paul says that he serves God (verse 3). Would you say you see yourself as someone who serves God, or someone who expects God to serve you? What's the difference?
- Verse 6 references "the laying on of hands." Pastor Chip often says, "The body confirms the call." How has the Church affirmed (or challenged) a calling in your life?

Take Home 1: Paul has an overwhelming sense of God's sovereignty (2 Tim. 1:1, 5)

- Paul seems fully convinced that God is orchestrating both his calling (verse 1) and Timothy's faith journey (verse 5). Do you believe God is at work in the story of your life?
- When you hear phrases like "God's sovereignty" or "free will," what feelings or questions do they stir up in you?
- "God being sovereign should give us a peace." When going through difficult or uncertain times, what keeps you from having peace or hope?

Take Home 2: The importance of modeling and passing on our faith to the next generation (2 Tim. 1:5)

- Who has passed faith down to you? Who are you passing it on to?
- In what ways do you treat church life like a consumer? In what ways do you see your church life as a contributor?
- In what ways can you actively invest in the next generation? (Spiritually? Relationally? Practically?)

Take Home 3: Never letting the call God has on our lives to gradually die out (2 Tim. 1:6)

- Paul tells Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God." What does that practically look like in your life right now?
- Are there passions, callings, or gifts God once ignited in you that have since gone dormant? What would it take to rekindle them?
- Who in your life helps stir up the flame of faith when it starts to fade?