

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**The Man and His Faith --- II Timothy 1:1-18
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I. Faith has the power to shape identity.

A. Faith has an object.

² *To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

B. The promise brings calling.

¹ *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,*

C. The promise brings relationships.

² *... my beloved child...*

D. The promise brings benefits.

II. Faith comes from and moves to inheritance.

A. Faith has a subject.

⁵ *I am reminded of your sincere faith, ...*

B. Faith has a past.

³ *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.* ⁴ *As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.* ⁵ *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.*

C. Faith has a present.

⁶ *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,* ⁷ *for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

D. Faith has a future.

1. What

⁸ *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. Why

⁹ *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,*

3. How

¹⁰ *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,* ¹¹ *for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,* ¹² *which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.*

III. "The Faith" is of first importance.

¹³ *Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁴ *By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

A. Synonyms

- B. Partners
- C. Imperatives
- D. Indicatives

IV. Faith has an illustration.

A. Negative

¹⁵ *You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.*

B. Positive

¹⁶ *May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.*

AMEN Discussion Questions

1. What is an example from your life of a promise you have banked on? (1:1)
2. Which human beings (up to 3) were most influential in your life for passing the true Christian faith on to you, and how did they do it? (1:3-5)
3. Whom would you call to the witness stand to testify to the sincerity of your faith in Christ, and what evidence could they bring to satisfy the jury that you really did believe? (1:5)
4. Is there one thing you should do today to fan the flame of your faith into brighter, hotter blaze (more logs, more kindling, more fanning, turning the logs, a gentle blowing, or something else)? (1:6-7)
5. When have you been most ashamed of the gospel and why? (1:8-12)
6. Of the seven synonyms of “the faith” in this chapter, which is most meaningful to you today, and what action does it move you to take? (verses 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14)
7. When you hear someone speak of contemporary people who are examples or illustrations of faith, whose face comes to your mind? Consider sending them a letter, note, email, or text thanking them for having a positive influence on your faith. (1:16-18)

Going Deeper

1. Look for all the commands (“imperatives”) in this chapter, and pick one you think is particularly timely for you to obey.
2. Of all statements in this chapter of what God has done for you (“indicatives”), which is the most precious to you to remember today, and what difference does remembering it make in your life?