

**Sermon Title:** Fan Into Flame

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:6-7

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**2 Timothy 1:7 ESV**

“for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

**2 Timothy 1:3-7 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. 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 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...”

**WE LOSE OUR FIRE:**

1. By leaving it untended
2. By extinguishing it

**Hebrews 10:24 ESV**

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...”

## Five Things Christians Fear ... (but shouldn't)

Jayson Bradley

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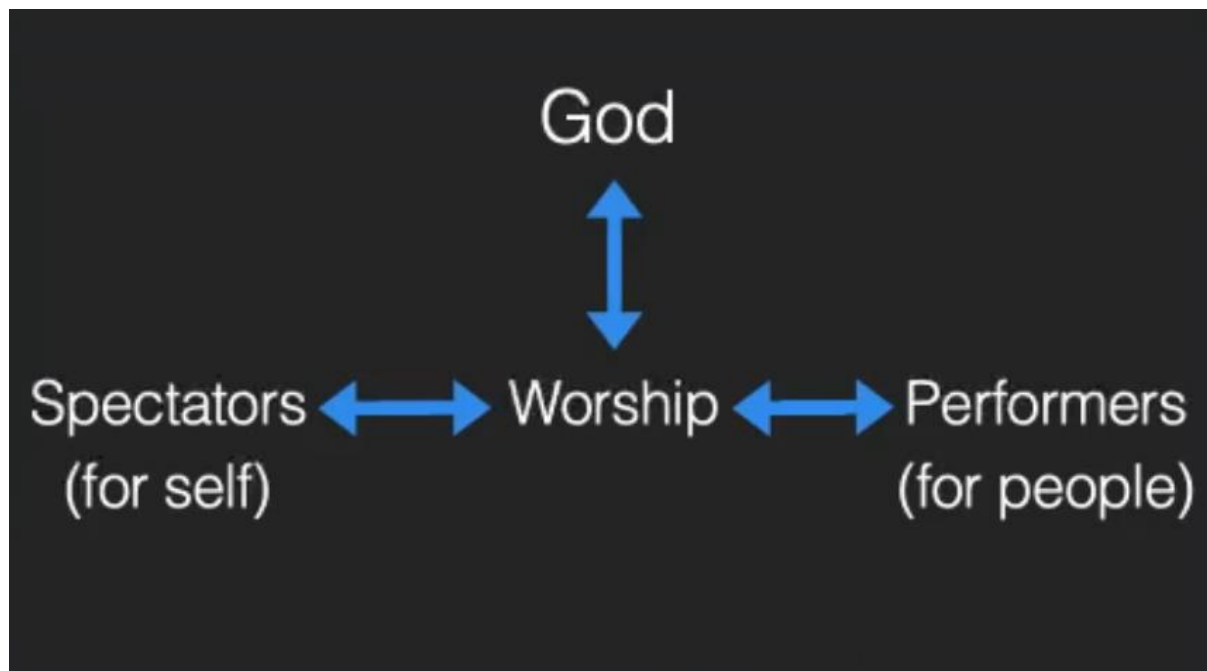
1. Shame
2. Foolishness
3. Uncertainty
4. Pain
5. Opposition

### Shame

Romans 10:11 ESV

“Everyone who believes in Him will **never** be put to shame.”

### Foolishness



## Uncertainty

### Pain

#### Psalm 34:18 ESV

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

### Opposition

#### 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

“For God gave us not a spirit of fear, but of **power and love and self-control.**”

## The Holy Spirit gives us POWER

#### Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And **surely I am with you always, to the very end** of the age.”

#### Acts 1:8 ESV

8 But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will **be my witnesses...**

#### John 13:3-5 ESV

3 Jesus knew that the Father **had put all things under his power**, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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## The Holy Spirit gives us LOVE

### 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; **yet do it with gentleness and respect,**"

### 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

"For God gave us not a spirit of fear, but of power and love and **self-control.**"

## The Holy Spirit gives us SELF-CONTROL

### Matthew 16:24-25 ESV

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

### 2 Timothy 1:6-14 NLT

6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. 9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. 11 And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

12 That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

13 Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

## Discussion Questions – April 21 – Fan the Flames

1. What is something that you used to fear that you no longer do?
2. What is something happening in the world now that causes you fear?
3. What are some things related to our identity in Christ that can give us confidence and hope instead of fear?
4. We all have those times when the 'spiritual fire' of our faith dies down. What has been helpful to you to do to get it burning again?

### Read 2 Timothy 1: 6-10

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.

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, 9 who saved us and called us to[a] 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,[b] 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.

5. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
6. What does this passage tell us about God?, People? Living to please God?
7. In the article by Jayson Bradley he mentions 5 things Christians tend to fear including shame, foolishness, uncertainty, pain, and opposition. Which of these has been the biggest struggle for you as you live out your faith and share the gospel with others? How do we keep that fear from making us timid in our witness for Christ?
8. People engage in the worship in different ways and worship through singing is one way we worship each week together. What are some other ways we worship God ?
9. What is helpful to you to be a worshipper instead of a spectator?
10. When we live out our faith boldly for Christ we can face opposition from a world that rejects Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us "For God gave us not a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control." We receive Power from the Holy Spirit. Why can we be confident in that power as we live boldly for Christ? Can you share an example of experiencing that power in your life?
11. We are to Love like Jesus loved. What are some ways that we can be loving to those that oppose us?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:1**

“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”

12. When we surrender control over all of our lives to Jesus we can trust Him and we can live in His power and love.

13. Is there anything in your life now that you are struggling with that you need to surrender to Jesus?. Consider asking your group to pray for you for that.