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REMIX OF PAUL & TIMOTHY

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The relationship between Timothy and Paul serves as a great example of mentorship. In order for the relationship to work, both had to have the right attitude. Timothy was humble and teachable while Paul was patient. Paul had heard of Timothy prior to meeting him while traveling through Listeria and saw potential in Timothy. Timothy spent his life with his mother and grandmother, Jewish believers, yet his divine connection was from outside of his house. Meeting Paul changed Timothy's life immediately.

God is sending who and what you need. Let's learn from Paul and Timothy.

PAUL & TIMOTHY

Acts 16:3a NIV - Paul wanted to take him along on the journey

- One introduction can change your whole life, so don't get discouraged in your development process.
- Paul & Timothy's journey was 20 years long.
 - The journey may be long, but it's a process that is necessary for your purpose.
- God is sending someone to mentor and challenge you to get to your destination.
- Your mentor is there for you to watch and learn, so you can go further faster.
 - Your mentor carries the essentials for your spiritual development and is the shortest route for your greatness.
 - Your mentor will prepare you for where you are going.

Who in your life has changed the trajectory of your life? How has your life changed?

PREPARE - KNIFE

*Acts 16:3 NIV - Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, **so he circumcised him** because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.*

- Because of Timothy's commitment to the Lord, he allowed the circumcision.
- To get you where God wants you, cutting will be involved. The cut is not to embarrass you, but to develop you.
- The cutting is:
 - Painful
 - "Growth equals change; change equals loss; loss equals pain; so inevitably, growth equals pain." Samuel Chand, Leadership Pain: The Classroom for Growth
 - Private
 - God will correct and train you in private for things that you will have to do in public.
 - Personal

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- Your cutting will pay off.

At what point in your life did God have to cut some things off? What did He cut off? How did you handle it?

PROVOKE - MATCHES

*2 Timothy 1:5-6 NIV - I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 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.***

- Mentors come into your life to provoke and remind you of the fire that's already within you.
- To *provoke* is to stir up, arouse, or call forth (feelings, desires, or activities).
- It is the nature of the fire to go out and eventually it will.
- It is your responsibility to use your gifts and fan the flames of your fire.
- Provokers/Mentors make sure that your fire stays lit.
- You must have passion (fire) to pursue your purpose.
- Your fire causes you to change the temperature, not take it. You're the thermostat.

*Psalm 104:4 NIV- **He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**
What are you doing to keep your fire lit? Do you still have passion for your purpose?*

POINT - MAP

2 Timothy 4:1-8 MSG - Keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple. You're going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching, but will fill up on spiritual junk food – catchy opinions that tickle their fancy. They'll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages. But you – keep your eye on what you're doing; accept the hard times along with the good; keep the Message alive; do a thorough job as God's servant. You take over.

- Your mentor will help you move from anointed to appointed and you must realize that you cannot quit.
- If you quit, you will not be able to take over.
- Don't expect it to be easy. You must remain disciplined.
- Take your charge, set it ablaze and keep your fire burning.

Have you taken over your charge? If not, what has hindered you from your pursuit of purpose?

*Hebrews 13:23 NIV - I want you to know that **our brother Timothy has been released.** If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.*

- That thing didn't break you. It made you.
- There's a "Timothy" inside of you.

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- Release yourself from others' thoughts and opinions about you.
 - Allow the best of you to be released into the rest of you.

What have you endured that almost took you out? How did you overcome it?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the fire that lives within me. Thank you for the mentors You have assigned to me to remind me of my passion (fire) for You. I commit my heart and my will to You to fulfill my purpose in partnership. I will fan my own fire and never let it go out. The fire that burns in my belly will continually stir my gifts and my zeal for purpose in Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen!