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Heroic Acts of Unsung Heroes:

Timothy

“Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey...” Acts 16:1-3a (NIV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

*To Timothy, my **dear son**: ...*

*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. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”*

2 Timothy 1:1-2a, 5-7 (NIV)

1) Be a **LEARNER**.

- Develop a humble spirit.
- Choose Godly mentors.
- Remain open to instruction.

2) Say “yes” to **GOD’S WORK**.

- Don’t overcomplicate it.
- Overcome your excuses.
- Seize the “God Opportunities.”

3) Develop a **GODLY REPUTATION**.

- Hang out with Godly people.
- Invest time in serving others.
- Live above reproach.

4) Grow up **INTO CHRIST**.

- Flee from sin and run to righteousness.
- Share your faith in effective ways.
- Devote yourself to God’s Word.

Keep the Conversation Going...

Timothy

READ ACTS 16:1-3

- What do we learn about Timothy in this passage?
- Circumcision was not required at this point for Gentiles, why would Paul prefer for Timothy to do this before he joined their expedition?
- When someone has a good reputation today what may be said of them?

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 4:18

- What do we learn about Timothy in these passages?
- Who has mentored you in the faith the way Paul mentored Timothy?
- If you don't have a spiritual mentor, take a look around and ask yourself who you would like to be like in 10 years? Then, ask them to mentor you.
- Who may need your time and wisdom to help them grow in their faith?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:15-16

- Paul encourages Timothy to work hard to live in right standing with God. What does that look like today in a Christ follower's life?
- How are you serving in your family weekly?
- How are you serving the local church and community weekly?

SO WHAT

- If you were writing a letter at the end of your life, as Paul did to Timothy, who would you write to and what would you tell them?

Be specific.