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The Powerful Life of Faith #1 of 1 — Oct. 28, 2018

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?
- 3) Read 2 Timothy 1:5-7. What counsel is Paul passing on to Timothy? Why do you think Paul wrote this? How does this encourage you today?
- 4) In what ways do you think you are gifted by God? What do others affirm in you and where do you see God using you for his Kingdom purposes? In what ways could you leverage your gifts more in your your Impact Community?
- 5) Read 2 Timothy 1:8. How does fear and shame keep us from sharing our faith? Reflect on 2 Timothy 1:9-12. How do these truths help us overcome this fear and shame?
- 6) Read 2 Timothy 1:8b-12. Why was Paul suffering? Where are you currently experiencing pain, hardship and suffering? What does it look like for you to be faithful in the midst of this season? How has the "pursuit of comfort" hindered your faith?
- 7) Read 2 Timothy 1:13-14. What does it look like for you to "guard the truth". What steps do you need to take today as an individual, family, and IC to ensure you do this?
- 8) Read and reflect on 2 Timothy 2:10-13. What truths does Paul pass on and what are the implications for us in our life?
- 9) What is God asking you to do to grow in faithfulness? In what ways can you trust Jesus more today?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Powerful Life of Faith

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor Oct. 28, 2018



The powerful life = the faithful life.

What will it take to the live a powerful life of faith?

• Be Faithful to Maximize your Gifts.

2 Timothy 1:5-7 "I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. 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."

• Be Faithful to **Share Christ** Boldly.

2 Timothy 1:8 "So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord."

• Be Faithful in the Midst of Suffering.

2 Timothy 1:8b "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."

• Be Faithful to Guard the Truth.

2 Timothy 1:13-14 "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."

Big Idea: Become Faithful as you Trust in the Faithful One.

2 Timothy 1:9-12 "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 Saviour. 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. That is why I am suffering here in prison. ¹² 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."

- We are trophies of grace.
- We have been given <u>life</u> not death.
- We have been chosen for a <u>purpose</u>.
- We can trust God because He is faithful even when we are not.

2 Timothy 2:10-13 "So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen. ¹¹ This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. ¹² If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. ¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."