

Mothers

II Tim 1: 1-9

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- In 1908, in Grafton Va, Mother's Day is celebrated for the first time in the U.S
- It is fitting that we commemorate a day to mothers as they have a huge influence on their children
- We find this recorded in Scripture for us
- II Tim 1: 1-9
 - Timothy has become a "beloved son" to Paul
 - Here is a snippet of their history

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- Acts 16: 1-3
 - The family of Timothy is residing in Lystra
 - It is here the family is introduced to the Gospel
 - We also see that this is “blended” family
 - Timothy is the son of a Jewish woman
 - However, his father is a Greek (heathen)
 - How a Jewish woman became married to a Greek is unknown??
 - Vs 2....Timothy has a very good reputation
 - In Lystra and Iconium....throughout the region

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- Paul wants to take Timothy with him
 - Because of Judaizers, Paul has Timothy circumcised....
 - Because Timothy's father was Greek
 - Jews considered anyone not Jewish a heathen
 - Making it even more difficult to reach them
 - This also speaks of the desire of Timothy
 - To do whatever it takes to reach people
- However, in our passage today
 - Timothy is in Ephesus
 - I Tim 1: 3

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- Timothy is now a “pastor” to the church in Ephesus
 - What do we know of Ephesus?
 - Acts 19: 22-36
 - Ephesus was the seat of worship for Artemis
 - In that city was the temple of Artemis
 - One of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world
- Timothy is charged with a solemn duty
 - Combat false teachings
 - Teach solid doctrine

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- Now in II Timothy, Paul writing his last letter
 - He is in Rome ready at any time to be executed
 - He remembering with fondness his time with the family of Timothy
- II Tim 1: 4-6
 - The sincere faith which first dwelt in your grandmother
 - Paul's usage of the past tense implies that Lois has passed away
 - It may also imply that Eunice has as well

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- What are we to learn from these verses?
 - First..... “I remember your tears”
 - Acts 20: 37-38
 - These people, including Timothy loved Paul
 - They were weeping because they would see him no more
- Lesson # 1.....
 - There are people in your life and mine
 - That will influence us in our walk of faith
 - They may influence us even though they are no longer alive

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- Secondly.....
 - Vs 5....the faith of godly women lives on
 - Grandmothers can and should have an impact on their own children
 - Lois had an impact on Eunice
 - Both had a major impact on Timothy
- Lesson # 2
 - Mothers and grandmothers are to be living examples of Christian faith before their children

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- Thirdly.....
 - No one will ever love your children like you do
- Lesson # 3
 - The greatest love you can ever give to you child
 - Is to teach them the Gospel through your life
 - How you live your life of faith will teach them
 - More about God, then 10,000 sermons
- Fourthly.....
 - Vs 7.....God has not given us a spirit of fear

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- Lesson # 4.....
 - Mothers be bold in your life of faith
 - Trials will come and go
 - Difficulties are a part of life
 - Train you children to remain faithful to God
 - Regardless of the circumstances facing you
 - Teach your children that God is faithful
- Fifth.....
 - Vs 9.....”who has saved us”

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- Lesson # 5.....
 - Nothing is more important than your eternal soul
 - This one fact is more important to your child...
 - Then the amount of money you will make!
 - Who you will marry or what will be your career?
 - Why?
 - Because you never know when God will call you home
 - You, my child, must be ready all times to make an answer for the reason you were born

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- Today, we will hand out roses to mothers
 - We do so because motherhood on one hand
 - Is a sweet-smelling fragrance of love
 - It also filled with thorns
 - Finally, it is also fading away
 - Mothers you only have so much time to influence your children
- Only one life will soon be past....only what is done for Christ will last.