

# GAINS: WEEK 1 | LOAD THE BAR

MARCH 24, 2019

## SERMON STUDY

*Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help guide your group discussion.*

Only in Jesus can you find your God-given purpose and use your gifts to maximize your impact to be a true world changer. But, we will never experience the growth and gains that God intends for us until we start pouring into others.

**Read 2 Timothy 1:1-5.** Paul knows he is likely to soon be sentenced to death for preaching the gospel, and so he knows that the next time he will see Timothy will be in heaven. Even still, he is filled with pride and joy, seeing Timothy grow into the difference maker he was created to be.

- Notice that Paul points out that Timothy shares the faith that was passed down to him from his grandmother and his mother. Who has passed his/her faith down to you? What kind of impact has he/she had in your life? Have you shared with him/her how much that has meant to you?
- There is no more rewarding experience than being a part of someone else's spiritual development. Whose spiritual life are you investing in? Who could you be investing in?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:6-11.** Stop letting fear and timidity keep you from doing what God put you here to do. Remember to wrap your gifts in the message of Jesus, pointing people to him.

- Some spiritual gifts include administration, mercy/encouragement, giving, evangelism, teaching, pastoring/shepherding, serving, wisdom, leadership, and faith. If you know God has given you any of these gifts, in what ways do you use them? How have you used them to point people to Jesus?
- Do you ever struggle with sharing about Jesus with others? Why or why not?
- Knowing that sharing about Jesus with someone could change their life, how can you grow in boldness to do so? What change will you make to share unashamedly about Jesus?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:6:12.** Paul was unwilling to stop preaching the message of Jesus because he trusted Jesus with everything he had—his societal rights and privileges, his singleness, his career, his financial status.

- In what areas of your life do you need to trust Jesus more?

Resource: Growth Track ([tpcc.org/growthtrack](http://tpcc.org/growthtrack))

## REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week. (Subscribe at: [tpcc.org/dailybiblereading](http://tpcc.org/dailybiblereading))

Day One: 2 Timothy 1:1-3 | Who do you pray for?

Day Two: 2 Timothy 1:4-5 | Who do you thank God for?

Day Three: 2 Timothy 1:6-8 | Fan the Flame

Day Four: 2 Timothy 1:9-11 | He broke the power of death..

Day Five: 2 Timothy 1:12 | Trust Jesus with everything.