

## 2 Timothy 1:3-5 NIV

“I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 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.”

### 1. Faith that become personal

- Strong
  - Timothy had a Strong Faith in Christ
  - Having seen Timothy's faith firsthand
  - Strong faiths are not for the casual Christian but is won in the importance and the resolve in the process of transferring of faith.
- Paul, highlights something that may have impressed him!
- He saw it in a place that most of us today would recognize. In the heart of a Godly woman!
  - Lois, Grandmother to Timothy
  - Why is this so important?
  - What does it look like when strong faith disappears

## Judges 2:10-12 NIV

“After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the Lord's anger”

We are in a generation where we are missing people of strong faith. Who knows God, and knows what's is able to do.

- Sincere

## 2 Kings 18:1-7 NIV

“In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother’s name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done. He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.) Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses. And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.”

- Hezekiah in 2 Kings is Thrusted into Kingship
- With this massive shadow casted over him
- His Father Ahaz was an evil of a King as you could get, He was known for Baal worship, the burning of babies in sacrifice.
- The Phrase “Like Father, Like Son
- Though History attaches his name his Father’s name What changed his trajectory in life was his Mother.
- This passage also shows the powerful influence women can have on the life of a young man should his father be either absent or spiritually inactive.
- Abijah had 25 year to stress, mold, and shape in her son the importance of Faith in God.

- It would have made sense to try and mold him into a moral person or highly educated or extremely ambitious. Have Faith in God

Not:

In our abilities, in good moral, in education, in our desire, our bank accounts

## 2. Faith becomes Replicated

- 2 Timothy clues us in that personal faith doesn't stop with us. Lois's Faith was demonstrated to Eunice
- There is a clear and direct line to her daughter
- Lois was Jewish by birth and a follower of Christ
- Eunice was also Jewish, but her husband was not
- In this time her daughter marrying a Gentile would have been seen as a failure in the Jewish community

### **This was not Lois's definition of success**

- She did see failure when tradition wasn't followed
- Only when faith was replicated in her daughter did she find success

How do you find success in Replicating your faith to those around you?

- Helping them see their greatest need ( proof of sin & need of a Savior)
- Pointing them towards purpose
- Seeing them operate in Faith

3 John 1:2-4

“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

### 3. Faith Becomes Generational

Psalms 78:1-7 NIV

“My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.”

Lois wanted to see her faith be extended to child and grandchild

Your faith can over the odds, if you are willing to share and make know to those who you love about the kingdom!