

Value That Endures

Proverbs 31:10,31

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. ³¹Reward her for all she has done.

Acts 16:1-3

Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra (*Roman Outpost*), where there was a **young disciple** named Timothy. His **mother** was **a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek**. Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey.

2 Timothy 1:2,5 Timothy, I thank God for you ... I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁵I 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**.

Big Idea – God is _____ even if my circumstances are not _____.

Greek Father

- Ranking Roman Guard
- Tradesman (Tent Maker)
- Pagan
- Unengaged Parent

Jewish Mother

- Subjugated People
- Minority
- Inter-racial marriage
- Inter-cultural
- Inter-faith

Young Disciple

- Genuine Faith
 - Student of Scripture
 - Devoted Disciple
 - Faithful Teacher
 - Bishop of Ephesus
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Remember: You were Created on Purpose and For _____ Purpose

2 Timothy 1:6-8 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

God Does Not Call the _____ – He _____ the Called. (Leah Klingler)

2 Timothy 1: 9 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.

Love in the _____ – the Way God Loves in My Moments. (Rosalind Griep)

2 Timothy 2:20-21 In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

“The Secret is Christ in me – not me in a _____ circumstance.” (Elizabeth Elliot)

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate conversation that matter. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
2. The influence of Timothy's mother and grandmother attributed to his spiritual success. Reflect (think deeply) on those who may have influenced you? How are you impacting others (family, friends, colleagues, neighbor)?
3. Can you reflect on ways in which God has made himself real even though your circumstances were less than ideal?
4. Take a few moments to reflect the following thoughts:
 - You were Created on Purpose and For God's Purpose
 - God Does Not Call the Qualified – He Qualifies the Called.
 - Love in the Moment – the Way God Loves in My Moments
 - "The Secret is Christ in me – not me in a different circumstance." (Elizabeth Elliot)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for creating me with your purpose in mind. I acknowledge that I have wrestled with disqualifying thoughts. My circumstances have not always been ideal. But Your love and presence are real.

Lord, help me reflect on the contributions of others to my faith and spiritual success. Show me ways to affirm their value in my life. Help me to be present and express Your love and value in the lives of others.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

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Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, possesses all the divine excellencies, being co-substantial and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In His incarnation, He united to His divine nature a true human nature and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, fulfilled the requirements of the law by His sinless life, suffered under Pontius Pilate, poured out His blood as a vicarious and propitiatory atonement for sin in satisfaction of the divine justice, and on the third day was raised from the dead in the same body, now glorified. He ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father interceding in Glory for His redeemed.