

2 Timothy 1:3-7

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ICE BREAKER: What is a goofy or quirky manerism you adopted from your mom or mother-like figure?

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read Acts 16:1) Timothy was a son of mixed faith. His mother, Eunice, was a Jewish convert to Christ. His father was apparently an unbelieving Gentile. Timothy must have witnessed not only the **differences** in his parents' faith, but also the **challenges** and **difficulties** those differences in culture and faith must have brought out.

1. What significant **challenges** or **differences** did your **parents** face?

(Read 2 Timothy 1:5) We do not know anything about the influential women in Timothy's life, his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois, except this. Both are described as having faith that "**lived**" inside them; they had **living faith**.

Eunice and Lois did not have a nominal, private faith. They did not just believe the right stuff, but lived out an active faith in Christ that was so winsome and convincing that Timothy was won over.

2. Describe the **type of faith**, if any, did your **mother, or mother-like figure, deposit** into your life growing up.

(Read verses 4-5). Although we do not know much about Eunice and Lois, we do know much about how their faith affected the life of their first disciple—Timothy. Notice Apostle Paul's description of Timothy.

*"Recalling your **tears**"*—Timothy was a young man with a deep and sensitive heart.

*"So that I may be filled with **joy**"*—He was a person who lifted others up and brought others joy.

*"I have been reminded of your **sincere faith**"*—Timothy was not fake, but real, exuding a genuine and winsome faith.

*"My **fellow worker**"* (Romans 16:21)—Timothy joined Paul in sharing the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire, into lands and situations that were outside his comfort zone.

Through the window of Timothy's faith, we see the living faith of his mother and grandmother, Eunice and Lois. Their faith impacted this young man in many areas in his life.

3. Describe one **habit** of your **mother, or mother-like figure**, that still influences you today.

(Read verse 5-7) Paul encouraged young Timothy with all these uplifting words in order to remind Timothy. *"**For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you.**"* Paul reminded Timothy that the **legacy of faith**, which was deposited into his life by his mom and grandmother, was for a reason—so that he may **use the gifts God had given him**.

The physical talents and spiritual gifts we possess are not simply for our advantage or enjoyment. We are to use our gifts to present to the world a clearer picture of the Giver Himself—Jesus Christ.

4. What is a **gift** God has given you to better **display Christ** to the world?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those, in your group, plan to witness Christ to this week.)
