

**Title:** Pass it Down

**Text:** 2 Timothy 1:5-7

**Target:** The godly characteristics of motherhood allow us all to ask ourselves “what are we passing on to those under our influence?”

- I. **The Foundation of Faith:** *“I am reminded of your **sincere** faith, a faith that **dwelt** first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, **dwells** in you as well.” (Vs 5)*

  - A. **Sincere Faith:** *“sincere”* - to be without pretense, to be genuine, not hypocritical.
  - B. **Shared Faith:** *“dwelt”*- past tense & *“dwells”*- present tense
  - C. **Saturated Faith:** *“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings.”* (2 Timothy 3:15)
  - D. **Strong Faith:** *“Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek”* Acts 16:1

- II. **The Fervency in Faith:** *“For this reason I **remind** you to fan into flame the **gift** of God, which is **in you** through the laying on of my hands”* (Vs. 6)

  - A. **Remember what you Heard:** *“I remind you”*
  - B. **Remember what you Have:** *“fan into flame the gift of God”*
  - C. **Remember what’s in your Heart:** *“which is in you”*

- III. **The Fortitude in Faith:** *“for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of **power** and **love** and **self-control**.”* (Vs. 7)

  - A. **Equipped with Power:** *“power”*
  - B. **Established by Love:** *“love”*
  - C. **Endure by Self-Control:** *“self-control”*

**Discussion Questions:** In this passage, we see where Paul lauds Timothy’s mother and grandmother for their faith. It feels as though Paul is exhorting Timothy to reflect upon the gift of faithfulness that has been displayed and passed down through the women in his family. In light of Mother’s Day, perhaps that would be good practice for us this week. Are there any women in your family that were foundational to your faith?

What memories come to mind of these women? For me, it is a grandmother that faithfully and fervently loved and prayed for my lost grandfather their entire marriage. He eventually came to faith in Christ at the age of 65.

If you don't have these examples in your life, how can you take this and be an example of a life of faith to those in your sphere of influence?

**Takeaway: “The greatest legacy is NOT what we leave FOR people, but what we leave IN people”- House of Belonging**