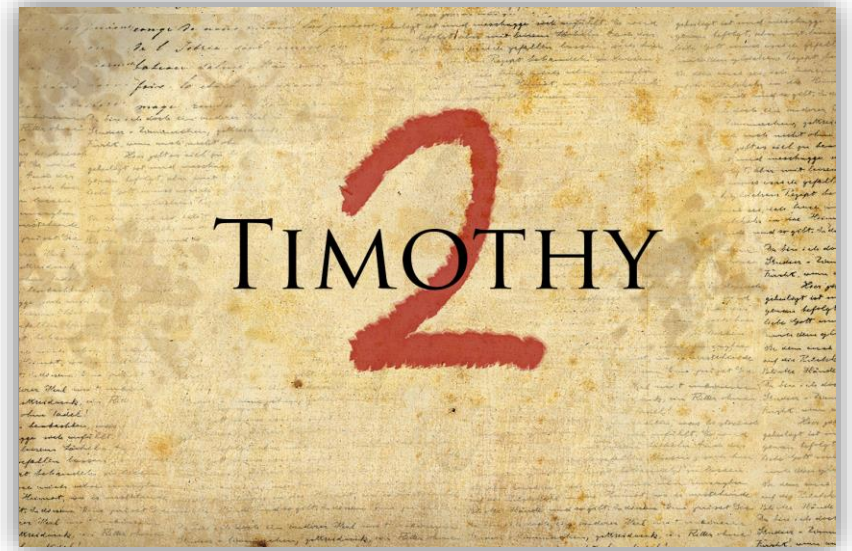


Personal Application and Conversations

1. What are you trying to do that you already do fairly well?
2. How does the first question relate to 2 Timothy 1:6, “*Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you*”?
3. How has fear kept you from speaking up about Jesus and your relationship to Him?
4. With whom do you feel safe enough to talk about your relationship to Christ?
5. How do you handle the notion that you might actually be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ or others who speak boldly about Him?
6. What do you do if you chalk your fear up to “shyness” when it comes to talking about Jesus?
7. What does a “holy calling” have to do with the status of “your spine”?



Grow a Spine

2 Timothy 1:7-9a

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We admire the bravery of firefighters, police officers, and those who put on the uniform to defend our country. Bravery is tested as well when ordinary people face the challenge of standing up for what they believe. Cowards on the other hand, stammer, deflect, and rest on prepared talking points. It happens everywhere from congress to the classroom or in festive gatherings of people who prefer safety to courage. Today we will be considering the source of bravery for true followers of Christ. In fact, that ***bravery is empowered by the Holy Spirit.***

God _____ given us a spirit of _____ (v. 7a)

God _____ us a spirit of (v.7b)

- _____
- _____
- _____

Therefore, do not be _____ of (v. 8)

- **The _____ of our Lord**
- **Me, _____**

But _____ me in suffering

- **For the gospel**
- **According to the power of God**

Who has saved us (v. 9a)

Who has called us with a holy calling