

FAN INTO *flame* THE GIFT OF GOD

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1. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-8

2. How is Paul's reference to Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice special and relevant to us?

No matter how great of faith Lois and Eunice may of had (or you!) they shared another side of themselves with their children. Their flesh. Their sin. And the fear, shame, and death that comes along with it.

3. Read John 3:5-7 & Titus 3:5. Why is it so important to be reminded of our baptism?

4. What are we to fan into flame? What is the gift of God?

In order to fan anything there already needs to be somewhat of a flame. We do not light the flame but the Spirit does. *"...no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."* 1 Corinthians 12:3b

5. Share: How do you feel when you share the gospel with others? Timid? Empowered?

Fanning anything into flame takes effort. Are we going to spend our energy investing in the things of this life or investing in the eternal futures of our families and neighbors?

Paul was trying to encourage Timothy to talk to others about Jesus and not be timid or ashamed of his faith.

6. Read Matthew 10:19b-20. Who can we look to for help when we do not know what to say?

7. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-9. In what ways can we intentionally have God's Word in our homes throughout the day so that we do not neglect the gift of the Spirit?

God does not ask us to fan the flame by our own strength. Nope. God takes our weaknesses, our insecurities, our fear and gives us the power, love, and self-discipline of His Spirit. We are *never* alone.



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7. Write this week's focus passage, 2 Timothy 1:7, below...

8. Prayer of ACTS

Adoration <i>Praise God for who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.</i>	Confession <i>Confess sins, especially sins that relate to the reading.</i>	Thanksgiving <i>What are you grateful for? Look for blessings from the bible reading.</i>	Supplication <i>Ask of God. What do we need? What do others need?</i>

9. Prayer requests from small group

