Fan the Flame: A Study of 2nd Timothy

Passing the Torch

2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God…

2 Timothy 1:1-5 (ESV)  
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,  
2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.  
4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.  
5 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.

Paul’s first imprisonment:

Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)  
30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,  
31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Paul’s second imprisonment:

2 Timothy 2:9 (ESV) for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV) Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

2 Timothy 1:16 (ESV) May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,
1. **We must pass the torch with purpose.**

   **2 Timothy 1:1 (ESV)** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

   **Acts 9:15 (ESV)** But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.”

   **Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2. **We must pass the torch with love.**

   **2 Timothy 1:2 (ESV)** To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

   **Acts 16:2-3 (ESV)** He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

   **Mark 3:34-35 (ESV)** And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

3. **We must pass the torch with much prayer.**

   **2 Timothy 1:2-3 (ESV)** 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

   **John 17:15 (ESV)** I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

   **John 17:17 (ESV)** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

4. **We must pass the torch with praise.**

   **2 Timothy 1:4-5 (ESV)** 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 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.

   **Acts 20:37-38 (ESV)** 37 And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.