

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Series: Rock Solid

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2 Timothy 1:6-14 – *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, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*

The _____ of fear

When we experience it:

How to handle it:

1)

2)

3)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Timothy 1:6-14

1. When have you experienced fear or anxiety when sharing your faith? Have you ever *not* felt timid about sharing your faith? What made the difference?
2. What, specifically, do you fear about sharing your faith? What do you think might happen or what do you think could be at stake if you share it?
3. How have you “fanned into flame” the desire to teach or share your faith with others?
4. Are you more comfortable saying why you are a Christian or acting like a Christian without any words? Why do you think this is?
5. How would you articulate what Christianity is all about?
6. If you were to choose between suffering for Jesus or feeling ashamed of Jesus, which would you choose? Why?
7. If the results of our efforts to share our faith are ultimately up to God, how might this free you from feeling timid?
8. How would you articulate the reason why you believe?