



Bible Study Questions

6th April 2025 – 2 Timothy 1:1-12

Discussion Starter

When you think of power, what comes to mind?

When have you felt the most disempowered? What empowers you the most?

Introduction

Paul's second letter to Timothy is full of encouragement and exhortation. He is writing this letter from prison, likely near the end of his life. He is encouraging Timothy, his spiritual son, to remain steadfast in the faith despite opposition and fear. Timothy was naturally timid, and with growing persecution, he needed reassurance to boldly proclaim the gospel. In 2 Timothy 1:1-12, Paul urges Timothy to rekindle the gift of God within him (v 6), stand firm in faith despite suffering (v 8), and trust in the power of the gospel (v 7).

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-12

What stands out to you, or what do you notice?

What questions are raised for you?

What challenges you?

Questions

- How would you describe the relationship between Paul and Timothy and what do we learn about Timothy's faith?
- What does it mean to "fan into flame the gift of God"? How do we do this?
- Verse 7 contrasts fear with power, love, and self-control. Why is fear a challenge in sharing our faith?
- Paul urges Timothy not to be ashamed of either the gospel or his suffering. Why might Timothy have been tempted to be ashamed and what was Paul's antidote to being ashamed?
- In verse 12, Paul declares, "I know whom I have believed." How does knowing Christ personally strengthen our faith in difficult times?

Application

- Who has spiritually mentored you? How can you encourage and build up someone in the faith?
- What practical steps can you take to boldly live out and share your faith today?

