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“The Importance of Your Calling”
2 Timothy 1:6-7, 12-14
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“Clearly recalling your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and that I am convinced is in you also. Therefore, I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment...¹² and that is why I suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know the One I have believed in and am persuaded that He is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day. ¹³ Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard, through the Holy Spirit who lives in us, that good thing entrusted to you.” 2 Timothy 1: 6-7, 12-14

I. God’s Gift (6-7)

- A. Genuine Faith** “Clearly recalling your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and that I am convinced is in you also.” (5) Paul also exhorted “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Phil. 2:12-13) Peter commanded “make your calling and election sure” (2 Pet. 1:10)

- B. Gifted Focus** “Therefore I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands” (6)

- C. Great Favor** “For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power and of love and sound judgment” (7) Satan enjoys attacking us with his “killer D’s: disappointment, doubt, defeat, discouragement, despair and even depression. All of these can result in fear. God’s antidote:
“**power**” – We must value the power of God over the power of our circumstances.
“**love**” – God’s love for us and our love for each other can carry us through any circumstance.
“**sound judgment**” – Self-control and wisdom help us have sound judgment.

II. Our Calling (12-14)

A. Bold Living “But I am not ashamed”

- 1. Knowledge of God “I know the One I have believed in”**
- 2. Possession of Truth “and am persuaded that He is able”**
- 3. Security for the Future “to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.”**

B. Sound Doctrine “Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (13)

C. Spirit-filled Living “Guard through the Holy Spirit who lives in us, that good thing entrusted to you.” (14)

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