

2 Timothy 1:3-7 The Real Deal

1. Home Grown

Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me. Jeremiah 7:17-18 NASB

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ESV

A. Forefathers

B. Mother and Grandmother

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"- which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you. 1 Timothy 6:20- 21 NASB

C. It was real for them

D. It is real for Paul

2. What do you do with a gift?

A. It is a Gift

What do you do with the gifts that are given to you? Do you even remember what you received for Christmas. It isn't just teens or millennials. Some of us have walked away from faith and lived like we are still engaged.

B. Rekindle

3. What this gift looks like

A. Not timid

B. Power

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.-

1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB

C. Love

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.-

1 John 4:15-21 NASB

D. Discipline

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 NASB

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. –

Hebrews 12:7- 11 NASB

Reflection:

When is the last time your faith felt real?

When has someone seen the power, the love, or the discipline of God in your life? When have you seen it? How are you passing it on?

Follow up in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Jeremiah 7:17-18. What is the entire family involved in according to this account? What is the effect of the parents on the children here and how does God respond to it?

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. In contrast to the drink offerings to false gods in Jeremiah 7:17-18, who is being poured out in this passage? How do you see that as a sign of authentic faith?

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 6:20- 21. What is Timothy warned to avoid? How can these elements lead us astray in our walk with Jesus?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:18. What is the view of the world toward the cross? What is the view of the believer toward the cross?

Friday: 1 John 4:15-21. How is "love" and God described in this passage? How essential is love to our life?

Saturday: Hebrews 12:7- 11. When you read about this view of discipline what corrections does it offer you? How have you seen God's discipline over the years to your benefit?