

Sermon Notes for July 20th 2025

Series: “Freedom in Christ”

Message: “Freedom from Fear”

Sermon Text: **2 Timothy 1:3-10 (NLT)**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 41:8-13**; Gospel Text: **John 14:25-31**. Read **2 Timothy 1:3-10 (NLT)** (below) as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

2 Timothy 1:3-10 (NLT): Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. ⁵I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ⁶This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. ⁸So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. ⁹For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. ¹⁰And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

1. Read **2 Timothy 1:3**. What evidence of Paul's love and affection for Timothy do you see in this verse?
2. Read **2 Timothy 1:4**. Why is Paul so anxious to see Timothy and why was Timothy moved to tears the last time they saw each other?
3. Read **2 Timothy 1:5**. From whom did Timothy inherit his faith?
4. What does Paul know for sure about Timothy's faith?
5. Read **2 Timothy 1:6**. What does Paul want Timothy to do with the spirit gift he received?
6. How did Timothy receive this spiritual gift?

7. Read **2 Timothy 1:7**. If we are feeling fearful or timid, who is the source of such feelings?
8. What does God give us in place of *fear and timidity*?
9. How could the 3 things God gives us help us overcome fear and timidity?
10. Read **2 Timothy 1:8**. Of what 2 things does Paul not want Timothy to be ashamed?
11. For what does Paul want Timothy to be willing to suffer? What will enable Timothy to endure such suffering?
12. Read **2 Timothy 1:9**. For what purpose did God save us?
13. Why did God do this?
14. Read **2 Timothy 1:10**. How did God make His plan clear to us through the appearing of Christ Jesus our Lord?
15. What will you remember most from this message?