

Sermon

2 Timothy 1:1-6 (NKJ) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1. _____ all that God has called you to be.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJ) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2. _____ all that God has called you to do.

God will give you the....

- a. _____ to do it.
- b. _____ to keep doing it.
- c. _____ that nothing can stop it from happening.

2 Timothy 1:8, 9 (NKJ) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began...

3. God will _____ let you _____.

Philippians 3:13, 14 (NIV) Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Homework

Getting Started:

1. What was your favorite Halloween costume (if you participated)?
2. What is your greatest fear?
3. What is the most peaceful place in your house?

Going Deeper:

This week Pastor Scott discussed the battle between Peace v. Fear. Throughout his writings, Paul often speaks about peace that is available for the believer. Pastor Scott discussed Paul's writings on peace and fear in 2 Timothy 1 and Philippians 3. Paul continues his discourse on peace in Philippians 4, with one of the most quoted, yet often misunderstood, verses concerning peace.

Read Philippians 4:4-9.

1. What does it mean to have "peace that transcends understanding"? What do you not understand about peace? Have you experienced peace when your situation did not seem very peaceful?
2. What area of your life do you want to experience peace that passes your understanding of the situation?
3. What does verse 7 tell us that this kind of peace will do for us? What does it mean to guard your heart? Your mind?
4. How do we receive this type of peace?
 - a. What does verse 4 tell us to do to receive this peace? How does this practically look in your life?
 - b. What does verse 5 tell us to do to receive this peace? How does this practically look in your life?
 - c. What does verse 6 tell us to do to receive this peace? How does this practically look in your life?
5. After talking about this type of peace, Paul goes on in verse 8 to expound on how to receive this type of peace by being disciplined about what you think about. Which of the things listed in verse 8 do you have a hard time controlling in your thought life?
6. Finally, in verse 9, Paul closes by exhorting the reader to not just listen to these things, but to put into practice the things we discussed in #1-5. What is the most important thing that you need to put into practice so that you experience more peace in your life?

Acting Out:

1. Write down the area of your life that you would like to experience peace that passes your understanding of that situation?
2. Write down, next to #1, the thing you need to put into practice from these verses to experience this type of peace.
3. Pray daily for the situation in #1 while committing to practicing #2 daily, this week.
4. When you feel fear this week in the area of #1, pray against that fear.

Further Reading: Philippians 1 Philippians 2 Philippians 3 Philippians 4