

# 2 Timothy -- The Last Words of the Apostle Paul

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## 2 Timothy 1:1-5 (NIV)

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,*

*2 To Timothy, my dear son:*

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Thanksgiving*

*3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

## Sincere Faith

### OPEN

- What sort of religious ancestry do you have? Do you come from a family rich in faith? Are you a first generation of faith? Briefly share with the group your roots.
- For a quick background on the book of 2 Timothy refer to The Bible Project's [video: bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-2-timothy/](https://www.bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-2-timothy/)
- Read 2 Timothy 1:1-15.

### STUDY

- What is Paul's motivation for writing this letter? Describe his relationship with Timothy.
- This passage is full of familial relationships. What can we learn about Timothy and Paul in regards to their relationships to their relatives and what their ancestors valued?
- Paul states that Timothy has a "sincere faith". What do you think this means?
- How can we have sincere faith? What would it look like on a day to day basis to exhibit sincere faith?

### PRAY

- Split up in pairs and share how you would like to grow in sincere faith. Then spend time praying for that growth in each other.