



Happy Mother's Day

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A Mother's Contagious Faith

2 Timothy 1:1-6

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**1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,**

**2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and
peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with
pure conscience, that without ceasing I have
remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;**

**4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy
tears, that I may be filled with joy;**

2 Timothy 1:1-6 - continued

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Introduction

A. Mothers of faith have changed the course of history

- 1. Jochebed**
- 2. Hannah**
- 3. Susanna Wesley**

B. Who was the mother of Eunice?

- 1. Lois**
Not a familiar Bible name (Agreeable)
- 2. Lois brought faith to her daughter, Eunice**
Eunice – Good victory
- 3. Eunice brought faith to her son, Timothy**
- 4. Timothy became a blessing to Paul**

C. Faithful mothers start chain reactions of faith

I. A Mother's Faith May Spread to Her Children

- A. We do not know when Lois came to faith in Christ
- B. We do know that at some point she trusted Him as Savior

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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C. We all get saved the same way

Ephesians 4:4-7

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

1. She understood she was a sinner
2. She grasped the concept of grace
3. She responded in faith to God's love

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C. Lois had visible fruit of life change

1. Her faith was seen as genuine (unfeigned)
2. She shared her faith with her daughter
3. Eunice saw Christ in her mother and believed

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

III. A Mother’s Faith May Spread to Her Grandchildren

A. Eunice gave birth to Timothy

- 1. A mother has high hopes for their child**
- 2. The name she gave to her son is “honoring God”**

Psalm 127:3

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

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- B. How would these two women reach young Timothy?**
- 1. They did so by demonstrating genuine faith in their lives**

1 Corinthians 1:5-6

- 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;**
- 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:**

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- B. How would these two women reach young Timothy?**
- 2. They did so by their prayers, examples, and teaching**

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- 3. This is still how we teach those we love for Christ**

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- C. Grandparents are special people to grandchildren**
- D. Lois and Eunice succeeded in bringing Timothy to Christ**

- 1. They had consistent testimonies**
- 2. They both were involved**

- E. Paul became God's answer to their prayers by leading Timothy to faith in Jesus**

1 Timothy 1:2

Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 16:1-4

1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

III. A Mother's Faith May Spread to Future Generations

- A. Timothy became Paul's companion in ministry**
 - 1. Paul's letters to Timothy still spread the faith**
 - 2. Timothy preached at Berea, spreading the faith**
 - 3. Timothy preached at Corinth and Macedonia spreading the faith**
 - 4. Timothy preached at Ephesus and Rome, spreading the faith**

III. A Mother's Faith May Spread to Future Generations

- B. Through Timothy's life, Lois is still spreading the faith today**
 - 1. The same opportunity is available for every mother and grandmother**
 - 2. A Christian mother's influence is unlimited**

**What influence are you making in
the lives of others?**