

GMF 2017

"HERITAGE"
2 Tim 1:5
May 7, 2017

Worship, Grow, Go

True worship thrusts us into the mission of God!

Worship and pray with caution!

Worship moves us to surrender to God's mission.

I. Prayer and the Sovereignty of God

A. Earnest prayer (12:5)

As they prayed, they were participating in God's work.

B. Worshiping and fasting and prayer (13:2-3)

II. Sovereignty demands surrender.

A. James lays down his life for the Lord.

B. Peter is released from jail, then steps off center stage.

C. Herod's ego means that he surrenders only under judgment.

D. Barnabas and Saul

III. Surrender thrusts us into God's mission.

A. Peter will continue to serve the Lord, but not as the primary voice of the church. (12:17)

B. Barnabas and Saul's lifelong trajectory is changed.

C. The church at Antioch releases two of their best.
Prayer prepared their hearts and minds for God's work.

The call to missionary work.

1. Preceded by prayer.
2. Directed by the Spirit.
3. Commissioned by the Church.

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

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Historical Timeline:

During Paul's 2nd missionary journey, he returned to the Derbe/Lystra area where he had been on his 1st journey. A key family of believers lived there who would be instrumental in the growth and health of the church in years to come.

Passage Overview:

Timothy became a spiritual son of Paul. He traveled with Paul and eventually pastored the influential church in Ephesus. But his roots were in a small town called Derbe. This was located in modern day Turkey. His mother and grandmother were believers who had raised him to know the scriptures.

His father is only mentioned in passing, noting that he was Greek. It seems that he may not have been a believer. He may not have been very influential in Timothy's life either, since reference to him is so brief.

What we see then is the impact of two godly women on a young man's life. They have a very real faith that is seen in the way they live. They serve as models for Timothy as he considers the impact of the Word of God on one's life.

Timothy's godly heritage is found in his mother and grandmother. Their influence was long lasting and penetrated deeply into his mind, heart and life. What great examples they are of the impact of godly mothers on their children and on the greater church as a whole.

Reading for Next Week: Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1; 3:10-17