

A MOTHER'S *Heritage*

MOTHER'S DAY 2017
Acts 16:1; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:14-15
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A mother's gift that lasts is faith.
Only the real thing really lasts.

Setting: Timothy is from the Lystra/Derbe area of Asia Minor on the southern edge of Galatia. Paul had visited this area on his first missionary journey and was returning on his 2nd missionary journey when we pick up the narrative in Acts 16:1.

Family: Mother (Eunice) was Jewish who became a believer.
Father was Greek.
Grandmother (Lois) was a believer as well. (2 Tim 1:5)

We all can have spiritual offspring!

I. Sincere Faith (2 Tim 1:5)
Sincere means genuine.

It is the same underneath as it is on top.

II. Modeling Genuine Faith (2 Tim 3:14)

When Timothy needed to be reminded, strengthened and challenged, he was told to remember WHO taught him the scriptures. Their lives were consistent with their faith.

III. Rooted in Scripture (2 Tim 3:15)

IV. Released (Acts 16:3-5)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"GALATIA PART 1"
Acts 13:4-52

Historical Timeline:

During the decade of the 40s AD, Saul and Barnabas began their missionary endeavors. Their first missionary journey (@46-47AD) took them into the Mediterranean and then north into modern day Turkey. This was known as Galatia in Paul's day. During this time, Luke informs us that Saul was also known as Paul (Acts 13:9).

Passage Overview:

Speaking first to the Jewish diaspora in their synagogues, Paul and Barnabas consistently offered the gospel to the Jews first. Significant initial receptivity to the word inevitably prompted Jewish leaders to incite crowds against the gospel of Jesus. When this happened, Paul and Barnabas openly turned to the Gentiles (Acts 13:44-47).

In each location they visited, they found those who were receptive and hungry for the good news of Jesus, as well as those who opposed it. They were not the first to carry the gospel to Cyprus. Cyprian believers were among those who had brought the gospel to Antioch. But as they journeyed across the island, the Holy Spirit gave them access to even the highest political leaders. It was then that they faced demonic opposition as the kingdom of heaven assailed the territory of the kingdom of hell. The Holy Spirit silenced the evil magician who sought to stand in their way and the proconsul himself believed.

Moving on to the mainland again, they visited Perga and Antioch in Pisidia. We are allowed to listen in to Paul's preaching, as he unpacked the Old Testament witness to the Messiah and its fulfillment in the death of resurrection of Jesus. Punctuating his teaching with Old Testament scripture as he spoke to Jews, he then turned to the Gentiles who received the word with great joy.

Reading for Next Week: Acts 13:4-52