

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A treasured story

Addressing him as a beloved child, Paul reminds Timothy of the gift of faith that is in him, one shared by his mother and grandmother before him. Paul urges Timothy to be bold in guarding this good treasure and to not be ashamed of Jesus or his apostle and teacher, Paul himself.

Read this week's passage:



DRAW



Draw a tree and write by the tree's:

- roots and trunk, things that have helped your faith to grow.
- leaves and branches, some of the ways that you are growing.

Thank God for people who teach us about Jesus.

Write

Think of two or three people you know well. For each one write down two things you have in common and two where you have differences (e.g. hair colour, taste in music/food/films). Say a prayer thanking God for diversity in your friendships.

Living Scripture

'a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.' 2 Timothy 1:4

Reflect for a moment on the things you might pass on to others: a cold, hand-me-down clothes, a recommendation for a film or restaurant, genetics, a skill or interest, a worldview, an inheritance. Which of those have you gratefully received from others? In what ways have you made what you received your own? Thinking about what you have, what would you rather not pass on?

Paul reminds Timothy that he learned about faith from his family and encourages him to both treasure and pass on that faith to others. How does recognising that your faith is not simply your own decision, but also built upon foundations others have laid, help you to treasure your faith? Who could you share your faith journey with, passing on the treasure you've received to others?

First impressions

- What has been passed down to you, that you treasure?
- How could you share your faith with friends and family so that it is something they treasure too?
- What might be holding you back from telling others about Jesus?



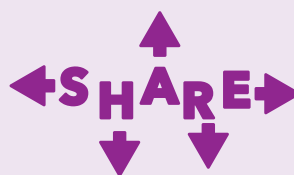
Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Word. As we read it, give us a deeper understanding of it. Open our eyes to the treasures within your Word and help us to see opportunities where we could share it with others. Amen.



EXPLORE

October is Black History Month. Find out about some Black British Christian heroes. Who is yours?



Talk about your favourite story and explain why you enjoy it so much. Then commit to sharing your faith story with someone this week.

