



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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PART 7: A VERY HIGH CALLING

Central Truth: We have been called to a very high calling.

*That calling comes with a **LEGACY.***

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-5

*That calling comes with a **SPIRIT.***

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

*That calling comes with a **THORN.***

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

*That calling comes with a **DEPOSIT.***

2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14

1:10 **HOMEWORK**

Open Your Group in Prayer

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5

1. We see Lois and Eunice's legacy of faith pass on to their son and grandson, Timothy. In what ways have you seen the faith of your predecessors pass into your own life?

How do you think the process of passing on a spiritual legacy happens?

In what ways are you passing on a spiritual legacy?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-7, Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 12:6-8, and 1 Corinthians 12.

2. What spiritual gifts do you think God has given you?

It becomes clear later on that Timothy's spiritual gifts, which Paul refers to in verse 6, is evangelism, and, to some degree, apostleship. He also encourages Timothy to fan his gift into flame (or rekindle it afresh). This tells us that spiritual gifts, like fire, can burn out if they aren't stirred. What does it mean to fan your spiritual gift into flame? Why is it important?

Paul tells Timothy he is given a spirit of courage, power, love, and self-control. Are these qualities in us a product of the Holy Spirit or of our own self-effort?

How do these qualities work together to produce effective gospel outreach?

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12.

3. Paul lays out the gospel in verses 9 and 10. How does the gospel give purpose to the life of a believer? What is the nature of the "holy calling" in verse 9?

Paul invites Timothy to suffer for the gospel in verse 8. He repeats that he is suffering for the gospel in verse 12. Is suffering a necessary aspect of doing gospel ministry? Why or why not?

Read 2 Timothy 1:12-14.

4. Gospel ministry is both a deposit you make, and a deposit you guard. What aspect of your life have you put on deposit (put on hold or sacrificed) for the sake of the gospel?

How can you guard the deposit of sound words (or teaching) that you've received, and how does it play a role in your gospel ministry?