

# Please Pass the Faith

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 14 (6-8-22)

2 Timothy 1:3-8

## I. Personal Development On Display

### A. It starts with your own faith

1. Much of the younger generations view Christianity as un-relevant or hypocritical
  - a) This is the kind of faith that they have witnessed
  - b) We need to be living a high-quality, genuine faith! - “unfeigned faith” - 2 Tim. 1:5
2. Be willing to live/walk you faith in front of other people. Especially your kids and family.
  - a) Don’t be afraid to let them see you struggle and have to rely on God.
    - (1) They need to see how you actually put your faith to work.
    - (2) James 2:17 - “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”
      - (a) Dead to you and everyone else that you could have influenced with the gospel.
  - b) Is your faith real? Is it your own faith? Or is your faith really someone else’s?
    - (1) Why are you a christian?
      - (a) 2 Tim. 1:12 - Paul says “...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded...”
3. Stay Full!
  - a) We need to keep ourselves so full of the spirit of God that we are overflowing on the people around us.
  - b) It should be obvious that we are full of God! - 1 Peter 3:15 “...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...”
    - (1) They wouldn’t be asking your if it wasn’t obvious.
    - (2) When was the last time someone asked you about your faith or recognized something in you that displayed the gospel?
4. Acknowledging what is in you
  - a) Philemon 1:4-7
    - (1) When we take time to acknowledge what is in us because of our faith in Jesus, we then can more effectively share the gospel
      - (a) We see the benefits of being saved, we see the power and authority that has been placed in us, we see that we are more than conquerors in a dangerous environment, we see that we can live a blessed and hopeful life no matter the circumstances, etc...

## II. Intentionally Passing the Faith

### A. Matt. 28:19

1. Wanting to share the gospel should come naturally, but Jesus still found it necessary to give us the command to actually make disciples. This we must be intentional about.

a) Teach = matheteuo - to become pupil; to disciple

### B. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you

1. God always equips those that He calls!
2. Luke 12:12 - "For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

### C. Consistency

1. Consistently Keeping our minds focused on the Gospel

a) Colossians 3:17 - "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

b) The more consistently we are focused on our savior the more likely we are to share about Him with other people that we encounter.

(1) "Creepy John"

(2) We like to talk about what we have been thinking about

(a) Rachel and her friends and family love to share any deals that they find online, because they get excited to share the blessing.

2. Exodus 12:26 "...What does this service mean to you?" (AMP)

a) Traditions/Rituals - ways to incorporate our history, stories of God's Faithfulness, our Faith into the culture.

b) Great reminder and a means of teaching the future generations

3. Discipleship is hard, dirty work.

a) Jesus spent endless hours with His disciples taking advantage of every opportunity to teach them. All of them being very "rough around the edges."

### D. Celebrating other people's faith

1. 3 John 4 - "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

a) Learn to take joy in other people's faith and development.