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Daily Devotionals

September 29-October 5, 2025

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, Sept. 29

Rekindle the Gift

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10

Paul's encouragement to Timothy is a call to spiritual renewal. The gifts God places in us are meant to be used. They aren't to be ignored. Whether your gift is preaching, hospitality, encouragement, or administration, it's not just for you. You are to use your gifts for the blessing of others. Like a fire that needs tending, our spiritual gifts require intentional use and prayerful attention. When we neglect them, they dim. When we fan them into flames, they illuminate the lives of others.

Prayer: Lord, awaken the gifts You've placed within me.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Spirit of Power, Not Fear

Scripture: Proverbs 28:1

Fear is persuasive. It convinces us to stay silent, to play small, to avoid risk. But Paul reminds us that fear is not from God. The Spirit within us is bold, loving, and disciplined. This doesn't mean we won't feel afraid. It simply means that fear doesn't get to be the one that is in charge. The Spirit empowers us to speak truth, love deeply, and act wisely.

Prayer: God, when fear rises, remind me of Your Spirit within me.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Guard the Good Deposit

Scripture: Jude 1:3

The gospel is a treasure entrusted to us. We aren't supposed to "hide it under a bushel". It is to be protected and shared. This world seems to change its values almost daily. We can't let the truth be washed out. We need to guard the gospel by living it. Our lives become living testimonies of grace, holiness, and hope.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to guard the truth You've entrusted to me.

Thursday Oct. 2

Faith That Dwells Deep

Scripture: Psalm 102:18

Timothy's faith was shaped by the sincere belief of his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Their legacy reminds us that faith is generational. It is our responsibility to pass it down not just through teaching, but through living. Whether we're parents, mentors, or friends, our faith leaves a mark. When we live with authenticity, pray with consistency, and love with compassion, we plant seeds that grow in others. Those that come after us will follow what we do. Are we giving them a strong path to follow?

Prayer: Lord, let my faith be sincere and enduring.

Friday, Oct. 3

Called with a Holy Calling

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

We are not just saved from sin. It doesn't end there. We are saved to serve a purpose. Paul reminds Timothy that God's calling is holy, personal, and grace filled. It's not reserved for pastors or missionaries—it's for every believer. A holy life is not about perfection—it's about sacred intention. Whether we're leading worship, raising children, or working in the marketplace, our calling is holy because it reflects God's heart.

Prayer: Father, thank You for calling me.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Unashamed of the Testimony

Scripture: Matthew 10:32

Paul's words to Timothy are a gentle but firm challenge: don't shrink back. Don't let fear or shame silence your witness. In a culture that often mocks faith or marginalizes truth, it's tempting to stay quiet. But the gospel is not something to be hidden—it's something to be proclaimed, even when it's costly. Being unashamed doesn't mean being loud or confrontational. It means being faithful. It means speaking of Christ with humility and conviction, even when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable. Paul reminds Timothy—and us—that suffering for the gospel is not failure. It's fellowship with Christ.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, give me courage to speak Your name with love and conviction.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Take Faith Home

Worship at 10:00am

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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