

Growth Group Bible Study

Finishing Strong - Sermon Series

Faith of Our Mothers Living Still



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Reading Acts 15:36 – 16:5; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15

Opening Questions

1. Did you grow up with a Christian mom or grandmother or are you a “first generation Christian”?
2. How many generations of Christians are there in your family (past and present)?
3. If you had a Christian mom, what was the one spiritual lesson she tried to mold in your life?
4. If you had a Christian mom, what was one area of the Christian life that she modeled the most in your life?

Study

1. What do we learn about Timothy and his family in Acts 16:1-5 and how do you think it all affected him as he became a Christ follower?
2. In what ways can we show encouragement to Christian moms who don't have a Christian husband supporting them in trying to live the Christian faith with kids or grandkids?
3. How does Deut. 6:6-7 and Prov. 6:20-22 speak to how we can influence (mold) our children or grandchildren in being Christ followers?
4. Are Christian parents responsible for a guarantee that their children or grandchildren will follow Jesus? Why or why not?

5. Based on 2 Timothy 3:14-16, what is a critical part of molding children in following the Lord? What practical ways can be used to incorporate Scripture into our children's lives?

6. Why is it important to "think generationally" in passing along the faith?
cf. Psalm 78:4, 6-7

7. What does the "sincere faith" of Lois and Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5) tell us about modeling Christ and the Christian life for our children?

8. What does "modeling the faith" look like to you as a parent or grandparent?

Application

1. What can you do to practically express gratitude to your mom (your wife!) or grandparents for their "faith living still" in your life and/or the life of your children?

2. If you have had the blessing of a Christian mom or grandmother, take time to thank God!