

Morning Worship

May 12, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

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Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Mother's Day Recognition

Scripture Reading Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 4 *To God Be the Glory* Romey/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 441 *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* Romey/People

Offering Prayer LeRoy Bush

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 504 *God, Give Us Christian Homes* Romey/People

Hymn # 478 *Seek Ye First* Romey/People

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Message Allan Lane

Hymn # 447 *Trust and Obey* Romey/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Closing Hymn # 384 *The Bond of Love* Romey/People

Godly Mothers

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Today is a very special day! For many, Mother's Day is difficult. For some it's because children weren't possible. For others, Mother is no longer physically present for you to honor, and for some, Mother might not have been the perfect picture of Christ's love in your home.

But on our journey through life nothing can compare with the impact made by our mothers. Their words, for good or for bad, are never fully forgotten, and the memory of their presence lasts a lifetime. This entire passage deals with the contributions Timothy's mother and grandmother made to him as he was growing up.

Listen as I read. 2 Timothy 1:1-7. This entire passage deals with the contributions Timothy's mother and grandmother had made to him as he was growing up.

1. A Living Faith.

The first contribution they made, and perhaps the most important one, is "A Living Faith." In Verse 5 Paul refers to the "...sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

The word "sincere" here is a word that means "without hypocrisy, genuine." In essence, it's a faith that is real, that has been applied realistically and consistently to the issues and situations of life.

Where Lois and Eunice came from originally we have no idea, but we do know that they eventually settled in the Roman town of Lystra. They had been born Jewish, but they came to know about Jesus, and they DID take their faith in Christ very seriously, seriously enough to make sure that Eunice's young son knew all about it.

What did Timothy hear and see in his home? Assuming that he was a normal kid, everything! That is the way it works. Despite all the aggravation that our children give us by apparently not listening to what we tell them, they still hear and see, and it does make an impression - for good or for ill.

Those of us who have, or have had, young children are amazed at the things youngsters pick up. They see commercials on the cartoon channels and then, when it's time to go to the grocery store, they're already prepared with a mental list of all the brand names that have attracted them. They repeat words or phrases that they hear around the house, sometimes to mommy's and daddy's embarrassment. They remember things that parents quickly forget. They might be naive and easily led, but kids will not be fooled for long.

And just as they're not fooled by anything else, they'll not be fooled about religion either. So if you really want to share the Gospel with your children, or with anyone else, you had better take your own faith seriously. Paying lip-service to Christ and the church will never give the proper message. By your own attendance at Sunday School and Worship, by your own participation in the life and mission of the church, by the effort you put forth in the deepening of your own relationship with the Lord, you will determine what lessons about the Lord and the church your children will learn first.

One thing is certain - parents can never fool their children with a message of "Do as I say, not as I do." Kids are too smart for that. If you tell them that Sunday School and attendance at worship is important but you yourself find other things to do on Sundays, what message will your children get?

If you tell them that a personal relationship with the Lord is important but they never see you opening the Bible or praying, what message will they get? You know the answer! Parents who want to make serious claim on the name "Christian" had better make sure that their faith shows in front of their children.

Apparently Lois and Eunice lived their faith in front of Timothy. They made whatever efforts they could to learn about Jesus. And then mother and grand-mother passed on the results of that learning to the impressionable boy. They left him an incomparable legacy - a living faith!

This kind of living faith is what we all should demonstrate to our children, through our actions as well as through our words.

2. A Ready Confidence.

A second contribution is given in Verse 7. "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power..." This we might call "A Ready Confidence."

The term for power is the Greek word "dunamos" from which we get "dyna-mite." The word suggests "inner might." Mothers, as you demonstrate inner strength that is ready to tackle life's needs, your children will sense security and confidence and will begin to demonstrate the same kind of confidence themselves.

Harry and Ada Mae Day lived in a 4-room adobe house with no running water and no electricity, hundreds of miles from the nearest city. There was no school within driving distance. It seemed the future for their daughter, Sandra, was very slim.

But Ada Mae Day scrimped enough to subscribe to urban newspapers. She started an intense program of home-schooling. Later, she saved enough to send Sandra to the best boarding schools available to them. Sandra went on to Stanford, then to law school, and eventually, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman Supreme Court justice in the United States.

Sandra's intelligence and inner drive had much to do with that. But I believe that credit must also go to the determined confidence of her mother, sitting in her adobe house at night, reading to her children hour after hour, not giving in to the "spirit of timidity" that Paul mentions, but tapping into the "spirit of power" instead. She empowered her young daughter to become all that she could be.

Mothers, God's Holy Spirit can infuse your life with power unimaginable to you otherwise. Allow the Spirit to build you into a model of "Ready Confidence" in the face of life's obstacles.

3. A Remarkable Love.

Third, they contributed "A Remarkable Love." Paul also says in Verse 7 that we have been given a spirit of "love." And this is not just any love – it is a love that seeks the highest good for others. It's selfless. It is a love that's continues on even when you're tired, when it hurts. It is a love when it means staying at the task longer than you anticipated. It is love when it means caring in ways and at times you had not planned. This is why we can only describe it as "remarkable" love. However, someone said, "Anyone who thinks mother love is as soft and golden-eyed as a purring cat needs to see a Mother cat defending her kittens."

During World War II a Marine was serving in the South Pacific. His platoon was under fire and they were trying to signal their comrades that they had taken a certain hill. Their sergeant issued an order for a man to take the American flag and raise it up on a pole to let other units know they had taken this ground. As he grabbed the flag and ran off to raise it up, he was shot by a sniper. Another man was sent to retrieve the flag and raise it up. He too was shot. Finally, a young private spoke up and said, "Sergeant, in just a few minutes it will be four o'clock. If you will let me wait until then, I will take that flag, I will raise it up on that pole." The sergeant thought for a moment and said, "All right son." At four o'clock, that private jumped out of his foxhole, ran over and picked up the flag, and then he ran to that pole and raised it up. He then turned and ran back to his foxhole and jumped in without so much as a scratch. The men cheered and the sergeant asked him why he wanted to wait until four o'clock to do what he did. The private replied, "Well sir, its four o'clock here, but it's 6am back home in Kansas. My mother loves Jesus and she told me that every morning at 6am she would be on her knees praying for my safety. I knew that I would be safe while mama touched heaven for me."

4. A Restraining Discipline.

And fourth, they contributed "Restraining Discipline." Verse 7 says that God has given us a spirit of "self-discipline" - balanced, consistent self-control.

Dr. Stanley Coopersmith, in a study of middle-class boys, found that children have higher esteem and become more successful and independent when they have a home where sure and consistent discipline is present.

It's been said that children need two pats on the back: One high enough to encourage them when they do right, and one low enough to discourage them when they do wrong.

Dorothy Nolte wrote, "If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice." And the only way to be fair to our children is to praise where praise is appropriate and to discipline where discipline is appropriate. And sometimes you will be making a difference in ways that you never imagined.

Conclusion:

Yes, today is a special day. And for most of us there are many precious memories that we will always treasure. Please listen to this story.

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way. The sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young woman cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

The Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of the day, for I have taught my children courage."

The morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary but she said to her children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother."

And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned perseverance in the face of difficulty. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

With the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth - clouds of war and hatred, and the children groped and stumbled. The mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked up and saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. That night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

The days went on, and weeks and months and years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were strong and tall, and walked with courage. When the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was light as a feather. And at last they came to a hill, and golden gates open wide.

The Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

The children said, "You will always walk with us mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her, and they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still."

(Adapted from a sermon by Richard Burdette, *Children at Play*)

Motherhood Is A Journey!

More than Mom

Isaiah 49:14 says that Zion, God's chosen people were accusing God of abandoning them and forsaking them. Have you ever felt that way? That God has left you all alone at the worst point of your difficult circumstances?

Despondency is often the result of multiple adversities. When trial falls upon weary trial and when the soul is buffeted by storm after storm, sadness and despair can set it, take root and thrive. Despondency can be the result of severe adversity. One of the final seven sayings of Christ on the cross was, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me." In his second epistle to the Church at Corinth, Paul declared that the severity of his adversity caused him to despair "even of life" (2 Corinthians 1:8). Extreme adversity can cause us to feel cut off from God and others. It can produce feelings of dejection and isolation, and rob us of courage and hope.

Despondency can be the result of long term adversity. Even the best of us tend to despair when a momentary difficulty turns into long term ordeal. While sailing to Rome, Paul and his shipmates came under the howling winds of a severe northeaster. According to Luke's account, when "neither sun nor stars appeared for many days...all hope of surviving was gradually abandoned" (Acts 27:20). Even the most committed optimist can be worn down by a long term ordeal.

The days of Israel's captivity in Babylon had turned into months and the months into years. They were in a place they did not want to be. They were like a groom whose loving bride died during the honeymoon. As they looked into the future they saw nothing but sunless days and starless nights. There was no deliverer on the horizon. Hope of returning to their homeland was all but gone. The fountain of comfort was sealed by their hopelessness and they were caught in the grip of despondency. These people declared, "The Lord has forsaken me...the Lord has forgotten me." Captive Israel felt forgotten and abandoned by God.

Perhaps today in your present dilemma you feel that God has forgotten you. If so, then you're probably mentally and emotionally ready for God's reply to Israel's complaint. When God responded to their cry, He reassured them of His love via a question about motherhood — "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb?" (Isaiah 49:15).

We all know that Mothers are nurses and doctors and psychologists and counselors and chauffeurs and coaches. Mothers are developers of personalities, molders of vocabularies, and shapers of attitudes. Mothers are soft voices saying, "I love you." Mothers are a link to God, a child's first impression of God's love. Mothers are all of these things and much more, but a nursing mother is an especially powerful picture. God asks, "Can a nursing mother forget the child she has suckled and have no compassion on the son she birthed from her own womb?"

A very special bond is formed between a mother and her child. For 9 months the mother and her baby live in the same body. An infant's birth is accompanied by severe pain. She nurses the child from her own body. The child thrives on her loving care and kisses. She knows if the child is crying for food, a dry diaper or some attention.

Although the answer to God's question has rare exceptions, the overwhelming answer is "No!" No, the normal nursing mother does not forget the child she has suckled. Have you ever heard of a child that died because the mother forgot she birthed it? The normal mother does not cease to love the child she birthed from her womb.

Would Moses have survived if it had not been for his mother? Would Samuel have been what he was if it were not for his loving mother? God poses his answer in the form of a question about a nursing mother. A nursing mother's love is unconditional. Her child makes tremendous demands and gives little to nothing back, but she pours her life out for her child's benefit. A nursing mother's love is sacrificial. She gives up sleep, her schedule, her freedom and more to take care of her child and that without complaint. God's love is like, but much more than that of a nursing mother. Notice how God answers His question: "Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me" (Isaiah 49:15-16).

A mother may cease to love the son of her womb, but in the words of the Psalmist, "If my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will gather me to Himself" (Psalm 27:10). God's

love transcends a mother's love in that it is eternal. To Israel, He says, "I have tattooed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me." I am marked by My love for you. You aren't on My heart, you are in it. I am constantly mindful of your plight.

Perhaps you are in a place you do not want to be and you are experiencing circumstances you wish would change. It may be that your life is a mess because of wrong choices you've made and God seems so far away. Let me assure you, God has not forsaken you or forgotten you.

Bill was a wild haired college student. His wardrobe consisted of jeans and a T-shirt, both with holes in them. He recently became a believer while attending a campus Bible study. Across from campus was a well-dressed, very conservative church. One Sunday Bill decided to go there. He walked in late and shoeless. The sanctuary was packed. Bill headed down the aisle looking for a seat. Having nearly reached the pulpit, he realized there were no empty seats, so he just sat down on the carpet. Everyone in the congregation was beginning to feel uncomfortable.

Then from the back of the church, a cane bearing gray-haired elder in a three-piece suit started walking toward Bill. The other worshipers couldn't expect a man in his eighties to understand some college kid on the floor. With all eyes focused on the developing drama, the minister waited to begin his sermon until the elder did what he had to do. The elderly man dropped his cane on the floor and with great difficulty lowered himself and sat down next to Bill.

"What I'm about to preach," the minister begins, "you'll never remember. What you've just seen, you'll never forget."

Today, God has come to sit next to you on the floor and to join you where you are and to bring you to where He wants you to be. There is not a broken heart He cannot mend. There is not a fallen tear He cannot dry. There is not a pit so deep that He will not descend it to companion you to joy. There is no captivity so strong that He cannot break it. There is not a sin so vile He cannot forgive it. Will you let this One whose love transcends that of a nursing mother for her infant take you in His arms and love you? He loves you as you are, where you are, and He loves you to wholeness. He loves you even more than your mother.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Gary Yarbrough, Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 15

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, George, Burgess, John Lewis, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Business Meeting and

Carry-in Dinner.....Noon

No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 22

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

May 12 — Mother's Day

June 3-7 — Youth Camp

June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota

Second meeting—May 13, 7 pm @ Mission Center

June 21 & 22 — Intro to Camping for Children grades 1-3

July 15-19 — Children's Camp

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Night

We will not be having Sunday evening services for the rest of the month of May. A new study will begin in June.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This past week we began a new study entitled “Engaging with God” led by Dr. Kie Bowman. The subtitle is “Making Prayer a Priority for the BEST of Your Life.” We always need reminders to pray. Please attend and pray for the direction of our church.

Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip

June 11-16, 2019

Next meeting—
May 13, 7 pm

Youth Camp...

is June 3-7. We have forms available in the office. There are openings for guys and gals if anyone is interested. Also, coaches are needed. Please pray about how you can serve.

Children’s Camp ...

...forms will be
available soon.

**Children’s Camp is
July 15-19.**

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

Biblical Manhood Conference: Our Higher Calling:

Biblical Manhood in the Home, Church, and World

August 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Frederick Boulevard

Baptist

The cost \$20 per person (lunch included).

For the Record

Attendance: May 5, 2019

Sunday School.....	23
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	23
Contacts Made.....	9
Morning Worship.....	40

Sunday Night.....	6
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	7

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 2,435.46
Long Family – April..	\$ 50.00
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,725.00

Offering Received by Mail:

Eric and Shelly Thompson
Betty Campbell

May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

May Van Driver:

Joe Coats and/or
Rodney Swymeler
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am to secure a ride.

May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long
11... Hannah Schottel
17... Arlette Duty
20... Pam Eldredge
20... Erin Molloy
20... Mike Green

May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy
May 22, 1982

Prayer Requests ...

Mike Green—Knee Surgery recovery
Lillie Williams—strength & recovery
Dottie Wildberger—recovery
Jim Winans—at home
Gary Hurst—cancer
Alice Coats—elbow
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister
Swymeller's Grandsons
Jack and Flo Conard
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia

Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson June Fritchle
The Waters Family Elmer Mayse
Betty Campbell Kevin Duty
Ann Riddle Tim Izer
Keon McKahan Nellie Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Seth Long
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service Women and Men
Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
