

**CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
UNWAVERING FAITH - FAN INTO FLAME
APRIL 19, 2020**

Sermon Scripture:

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

1 PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST JESUS BY THE WILL OF GOD, IN KEEPING WITH THE PROMISE OF LIFE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS,

2 TO TIMOTHY, MY DEAR SON:

GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE FROM GOD THE FATHER AND CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

3 I THANK GOD, WHOM I SERVE, AS MY ANCESTORS DID, WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, AS NIGHT AND DAY I CONSTANTLY REMEMBER YOU IN MY PRAYERS. 4 RECALLING YOUR TEARS, I LONG TO SEE YOU, SO THAT I MAY BE FILLED WITH JOY. 5 I AM REMINDED OF YOUR SINCERE FAITH, WHICH FIRST LIVED IN YOUR GRANDMOTHER LOIS AND IN YOUR MOTHER EUNICE AND, I AM PERSUADED, NOW LIVES IN YOU ALSO.

6 FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF MY HANDS. 7 FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.

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SINCE WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT. GALATIANS 5:25

#1 THE SPIRIT OF GOD CASTS OUT FEAR!

THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED DOES NOT MAKE YOU SLAVES, SO THAT YOU LIVE IN FEAR AGAIN; RATHER, THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR ADOPTION TO SONSHIP. ROMANS 8:15

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD. 7 AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

#2 GOD'S POWER GIVES THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER HE WILLS US TO ACCOMPLISH.

BUT WHEN THEY ARREST YOU, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO SAY OR HOW TO SAY IT. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL BE GIVEN WHAT TO SAY, 20 FOR IT WILL NOT BE YOU SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU. MATTHEW 10:19-20 (NIV)

#3 AGAPE LOVE IS NOT NATURAL.

18 THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE. BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT. THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN LOVE. 1 JOHN 4:18

22 NOW THAT YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOURSELVES BY OBEYING THE TRUTH SO THAT YOU HAVE SINCERE LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY, FROM THE HEART. 1 PETER 1:22

#4 A SOUND MIND IS A DISCIPLINED MIND.

“AS A BELIEVER IN CHRIST, I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE OF A SOUND MIND DURING THIS PANDEMIC. WHILE I'M AT WORK, I PRAY I CAN BE A LIGHT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I PRAY THE LORD WILL USE ME TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS AND TO BRING HOPE IN EVERY INTERACTION. I GIVE ANY DISAPPOINTMENT I MAY FEEL TO THE LORD SO THAT HIS JOY, LOVE, GRACE, AND MERCY MAY ABOUND AND OTHERS WILL COME TO KNOW THE LORD.”

LIFE QUESTIONS?

1.) DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A CIRCUMSTANCE(S)? YOU HAVE TO PLAY THE CARDS DEALT YOU? MEMORIZE 2 TIMOTHY 1:7. GOD HAS GIVEN US POWER, LOVE AND SOUND MIND. THAT IS VICTORY!

2.) WHAT IS THE GIFT THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU? HIS DIRECTION? HOW DOES LOVE FOR OTHERS LOOK TO YOU? *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22*

3.) DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO READ SCRIPTURE? THE WORD OF GOD IS OUR WEAPON TO COUNTER FEAR. READ LUKE 4...JESUS TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS. IT IS THE WORD OF GOD!