

Sermon Notes

May 14, 2017 -- 2 Timothy 1:3-12; 1:2

Being the Safe Place

Research shows there are _____ between the male & female brain.

- women are simply better equipped when it comes to _____.
- that men and women are simply _____ differently.
- it is by God's _____ that men and women are different in a _____ way.

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the _____ of all the _____.

Christianity on one hand has _____ followers, but by percentages, belief in Jesus is _____ in America today.

Dr. James Dobson's answer to him "Brain washing" his children to believe in Jesus and follow him.

- If I don't "brain wash" my children, then _____ else will.
- _____ up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not _____ from it. (Prov. 22:6)

Belief in Jesus is more _____ than _____.

Those who are not believers come to understand the importance of faith/belief in Jesus not just by what they are taught, but by what they see and catch from others.

Unconditional Love

MONDAY – 1 Kings 3:16-26

In this story there are two mothers who claim to be the mother of the living son and the wisdom of God through the King determines the true mother.

- How does the true mother show her unconditional love for her child?
- How do you show unconditional love to others in your life?

Spiritual Heritage – Looking Backward

TUESDAY – 2 Timothy 1:3-5

As Paul writes to Timothy he tells him how he continually prays for his friend and about Timothy's faith.

- In reflection, who do you know is praying for you and your faith?
- How have you been influence in knowing Jesus for the good or bad growing up?

God's Provision of Other Christians

WEDNESDAY – 2 Timothy 1:6-8

As Paul writes to Timothy he tells him to use his spiritual gifts and that the Spirit of God is actively at work in our lives.

- How well do you feel in relating the things of God to others? Do you realize we are given power, love and self-discipline by the Spirit?
- What are we not to be ashamed of? Who in your life demonstrates power, love and self-discipline in sharing the gospel and how might they help you?

The Spirit of God and Strength

THURSDAY – 2 Timothy 1:9-12

Paul reminds us that we have been called by grace to live Holy lives.

- What are some markers in someone you know that they are living a holy life?
- God's grace is abundant and free and will help us to live lives that are pleasing to God. What step can you take to live a more Holy life today?

Spiritual Heritage – Looking Forward

FRIDAY – Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs are small pieces of truth and wisdom from God.

- As you look backward, how would you say you have shared your faith with your, parents, children, siblings? What do you think you should share with them?
- Looking forward, because we cannot change the past, how could you be more outward about your belief in God? (words used, actions, caring, forgiveness).

Intentional Prayer

SATURDAY

Take a few minutes today and remember some people in prayer who need to know God better. Begin with yourself, parents, siblings, children, spouse. Be bold knowing that you are in God's will when praying for others to know Jesus more.