

REKINDLING OUR FAITH 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

Our need: To keep God's grace burning with fresh fire. 2 Timothy 1:6

"For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

- Gift = "charisma" a gift of grace
- Hebrews 12:15-17; Galatians 3:3; Zechariah 4:6

What creates our need: Our fear that minimizes God's grace. 2 Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (fear)..."

- Mark 4:40 - The character of fear
 - Fear of difficult circumstances I cannot control
 - I feel that Jesus does not care

What resolves our need: Living in the power, love and discipline of God's grace. 2 Timothy 1:7

"...but of power and love and discipline."

- God's power
 - Psalm 94:18-19 - *"If I should say, 'My foot has slipped,' Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up"*
 - Psalm 37:23, 24; Ephesians 1:18-20; 3:20; Jeremiah 32:17; Galatians 3:3; Zechariah 4:6
- God's love
 - 1 John 4:18 - *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us."*
 - Romans 8:35-39; Revelation 2:1-7
- God's discipline
 - "Discipline" = sōphrōn is sozo = to save, phren = the mind means "to save the mind" or be of "sound mind."
 - 2 Timothy 1:13 - *"retain the standard of sound words"* 2 Timothy 2:15
 - 2 Timothy 2:3 - *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires"*
 - Psalm 94:19 - *"When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul."*