

## PASSING THE TORCH {OF THE GOSPEL} 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14

### The Good News of Jesus is Worth Passing to the Next Generation 2 Timothy 1:13

*"Hold on to the example of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"*

- We are to be a Gospel example in word and action to the next generation
  - Paul set an example/pattern for Timothy to follow
    - The good news of Jesus was spoken
      - "Sound" = pure, uncorrupted, healthy; "Words" = spoken or written
    - The good news of Jesus was lived out
      - In Faith
      - In Love
      - In Christ Jesus

### The Good News of Jesus is Worth Protecting 2 Timothy 1:14

*"Protect, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you."*

- The good news of Jesus is a treasure
- We are entrusted to be guardians of this good news of Jesus
- God has the power to protect what he has entrusted to us,
  - "...through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us..."

### Response: Communion

One of the most powerful ways we pass on and protect the treasure of the Gospel is to participate in communion. Today we have this opportunity! The purpose of communion is to remember the sinless life, death and resurrection of Jesus and how His shed blood on the cross pays the price for our sin. This is the good news of the Gospel. As 2 Corinthians 5 teaches us, *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*