

LIGHT THE WAY

SHINE BRIGHT FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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THREE CORE QUALITIES PAUL COMMANDS FOR CALVARY

Who has been instrumental to you as a mentor in helping you know Christ and grow in your faith? What was it that made impactful? How did this person/people model Christ or help you to follow Him? Write your answer below:

CONNECT IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS LIKE A HEALTHY FAMILY

- **As a loving father cares for his son**
1 Timothy 1:2 – *“To Timothy, my true child in the faith... open and honest”*
2 Timothy 1:2 – *“To Timothy, my beloved son... affectionate and kind”*
- **Vulnerable, emotional, joyful and sincere**
2 Timothy 1:3-7 – *“longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.”*
Acts 20:36-38 – *“And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him”*
- **Faithful, dependable, refreshing**
2 Timothy 1:15-17 – *“You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains...”*
“refresh” =
- **Dedicated serving together for the gospel**
Philippians 2:22 – *“(Timothy) served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.”*

GROW BY LEARNING THE BIBLE AND APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE

- **Avoid the “fake news” of false messages** 1 Timothy 1:3-7 – *“remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith...”*
- **Teach God’s eternal truth** Acts 20:27-31 2 Timothy 4:1-5 – *“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 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, and will turn away their ears from the truth”*

2 Timothy 1:12-14 – *“Retain the standard of sound words...”* · “sound” =
2 Timothy 3:14-17 – The results of the Bible
2 Timothy 2:1-3 – Pass it on: *“entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*
1 Timothy 3:14-16 – *“I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God”*
1 Timothy 4:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:1-5 – Understand the times we live and “end times” truth.

FAITHFULLY PERSEVERE TO FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY

- **Overcome criticism** 1 Timothy 4:11-16 *“Prescribe and teach these things. Let no one look down on your youthfulness... show yourself an example of those who believe... persevere in these things.”*
- **Pursue what is most important** 1 Timothy 6:11-16 *“...keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”*
- **Remember who you serve to finish well** 2 Timothy 4:1-8 *“But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”*

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Who has helped you grow in your faith?

How will you pass on your faith to others?

Who can you help to know Christ and grow in their faith? Write them below and commit to pray for them:

Below are some myths that people believe. Which do you see the most? Which area below are you growing in most? Read the verses and discuss what they mean.

MYTHS PEOPLE BELIEVE TODAY AND RESPONSES FROM GOD'S TRUTH:

GOD:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is detached, uninvolved and has no personal interest in our lives today. • He is like a giant Santa Claus who just winks at sin and accepts everyone regardless of their beliefs. • He is angry, judgmental, unloving, just waiting to punish me. • Read God's Truth: Isaiah 44:6, 24
SIN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sins are to be redefined and reclassified as non-sins in today's modern world. • Only old fashioned out of touch Christians still believe in sins such as living together outside of marriage. • I can never be fully forgiven of all my sins. • Christians can repeatedly sin since God will just forgive them. • Read God's Truth: Titus 3:1-7; I John 1:9; Romans 3:23
THE BIBLE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It does not contain absolute truth, but guidelines that I can interpret and adapt for today's world. • It is full of errors, mistakes and inconsistencies. • Read God's Truth: II Timothy 3:15, 16; Hebrews 4:12, 13; Psalm 19:7-11
SALVATION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You earn salvation by obeying the 10 commandments, doing good, attending church, caring for poor. • No one can really know that they are saved and going to heaven. • Everyone is a child of God and will go to heaven, except really evil people like Charles Manson. • There are many paths to God and all religions bring us to the same God. • Read God's Truth: Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6; Titus 3:1-7; I John 5:10-12
JESUS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is a great prophet and role model for all of us. • He is not god but did good works I admire. • He is equal to all other religious leaders in the world. • He did not perform miracles or rise from the dead. • Read God's Truth: Acts 4:12; John 14:1-6; I Corinthians 15; John 20
THE CHURCH:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is boring with religious rituals that lack real meaning. Only good for weddings and funerals. • It only wants my money. • It is for children to learn Bible stories but not for grown-ups with more important things to do in life. • Sunday services should primarily make me feel good and happy with inspiring tips on life. • It is a place of hypocritical, judgmental and unloving people. • Read God's Truth: Acts 2:43-47

NEXT STEPS

1. **Find a discipleship mentor.** Discipleship is the lifelong journey of learning to become more like Jesus through the Word of God and the work of the Spirit. Calvary offers opportunities to be mentored by another Christian, or to become a mentor for others. To learn more, visit Connection Point in the Lobby or calvarylife.org/mentor
2. **Join a LifeGroup to connect with others and grow together in your faith.** LifeGroups provide ways to actively engage in the life and purpose of our church. To learn more, select "Join a LifeGroup" on The Card (in the back of the seat rack), contact Pastor Robert Carter at rcarter@calvarylife.org, or visit calvarylife.org/lifegroups



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