Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-7
Topics: Encouragement, Faith, Gifting
Series: Fulfilling Our Calling

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Keep Your Foot on the Pedal!

I. Identity Noted (1-2)

Paul is an apostle of Christ who carries the message of life in Christ
Timothy is his spiritual son

How do you define who you are?

II. Inspiration Stated (3-5)

Paul is thankful for Timothy
Paul prays for, and longs to see Timothy
Timothy's sincere faith encourages Paul

How does your faith encourage others?

III. Instruction Given (6-7)

Paul tells Timothy to apply himself to the gifting God has given him
Paul tells Timothy that timidity is not from God, but that God gives power, love, and discipline

How are you using the gifting God has given you?

I'm a Christian and *living out my faith* encourages others in theirs!

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing burgundy name tags.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Is there something that is causing you, or someone close to you, to be fearful about the future? Explain.

2. Notice how Paul identifies himself and his readers in 1 Corinthians 1:1-2. What do the terms he uses mean? Why would he use these concepts for a church that is not acting very spiritual?

What are some of the words you use to describe other believers? What words do you use, or think of, when describing yourself?

After reading Paul's introduction to the Corinthians, what might be a more Biblical description of yourself, and other believers?

3. What was Paul thankful for, and what did he long for in Romans 1:8-12?

When you are discouraged or fearful who do you most want to see? Why?

4. Read Psalm 46. What is the Psalmist's counsel for fearful times?

What is David's resolve & counsel for fearful times? (Ps 62:5-8; 56:3-4; 9-11)

5. Read Ephesians 4:15-16 and Romans 12:4-8. What is God's design for the building up of the church and each individual in it?

How has God gifted you to contribute to the ministry of the body of Christ? How might this encourage others to live out their faith in discouraging times?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?