

Sermon Discussion Guide

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"What Can We Learn From Faithful Moms?"
2 Timothy 1:5-7

10 Big Questions About the Christian Life is a sermon series inviting us to wrestle with the most important questions of faith that shape how we live every day. Each week explores a key question that draws us deeper into God's truth and calls us to live out the hope of the resurrection. This series challenges us to move from belief to action, building a faith that transforms both our lives and the world.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on hopeonline.tv. Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read 2 Timothy 1:5-7 - "Encouragement to Be Faithful"

- Who first helped you learn what faith looks like, and how has that shaped your story? What does Paul mean when he says Timothy's sincere faith began with his mother and grandmother?
- Why does Paul link the Holy Spirit with power, love, and self-discipline in these verses?
- How does it feel to know your faith might leave a legacy, even if imperfect? What role does generational faith play in God's bigger plan for the church?
- Who in your life has passed on spiritual wisdom to you, and how have you honored them?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13 - "Love Is the Greatest"

- What do you think Paul meant when he named faith, hope, and love as what truly lasts?
- Which of the three—faith, hope, or love—has been most central in your life recently, and why?
- Why do you think Paul places love above even faith and hope? What makes love such a powerful force for transformation in a world that often values success over relationships?
- Who in your life consistently lives out faith, hope, and love, and what have you learned from them?

Read Proverbs 31:28-31 - "A Wife of Noble Character"

- What emotions surface when you hear these words of honor spoken about a faithful woman or mother?
- What do these verses teach us about God's view of character, influence, and faithfulness over other values?
- Who in your life deserves more honor or gratitude than they currently receive, and how might you change that?
- How would your home or workplace change if this kind of character was valued more deeply?

Read Luke 1:26-56 - "The Birth of Jesus Foretold"

- How would you feel if you were in Mary's position—receiving an overwhelming message from God as an ordinary person?
- How does Mary's response to the angel ("I am the Lord's servant") challenge or inspire your view of obedience and trust?
- In what ways has someone else affirmed or encouraged your faith, like Elizabeth did for Mary?
- How might Mary's faith, humility, and courage influence the way you respond to God's call in your own life?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Reflect and thank.** Spend time reflecting on the faith figures in your life—especially moms, mentors, or spiritual guides who helped shape your walk with Jesus. Reach out to one of them to say thank you, or write a letter of gratitude, even if they've passed away.
- Pass it on. Consider how you are currently passing on faith, hope, and love to others. Whether you're a parent, leader, or friend, commit to one intentional action this week that helps plant or nurture faith in someone else (e.g., pray with a child, lead a devotion, invite someone to church).
- Live the legacy. Ask God to help you live out a legacy of faith like those in the Bible who trusted him with courage. Identify one way you can reflect the love of Jesus more fully this week—through your words, your time, or your presence—and commit to doing it with joy and humility.

