



“Hey mom, I need...”

You're an ATM, a vending machine, and the holder of all things important to a 5 year old (and a 15 year old). You're a chauffeur, a cheerleader (and often a referee), our chief cook, and the one with mad skills for laundry. You keep us on schedule. You're a huge part of our house becoming a home. You remind us of deadlines, devotions and dental hygiene.

You keep track of favorite foods, doctor's appts. and whose turn is next. You somehow heal our hearts with your hugs. You put fears to rest with a sweet assurance or the humming of a lullaby. Your love for your children is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional and unending.

And you are/do all this and more with often very little sleep and (even more often) very little expressed appreciation.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



FAMILY IN FOCUS:
MOM, I NEED...

2 Timothy 1:1-7

The Apostle Paul addressing younger Timothy “my dear son in the faith.”

What do we learn of Timothy?

He’s a man who brings his mother joy.

He’s truly cherished by the old apostle.

He’s the kind of man whose presence is missed.

His faith is legit – and indwelling.

He has been called of God to set-apart ministry.

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Timothy's faith:

Belief. "Knowledge of, assent to, and confidence in certain divine truths, especially those of the Gospel, as produces good works."

It was sincere. Unfeigned. Without pretense.
Genuine. Unhypocritical.

“which first lived in...now lives in you also”

Indwelling. A place of rest. To inhabit.

Language similar to that which describes the presence of the Holy Spirit in the redeemed (Vs. 14) and the word of Christ (Col. 3:16). By implication, this sincere faith is consistent and enduring

KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE

Some alleged faith resembles a movie set storefront, impressing casual observers, but lacking substance.

Some presumed faith serves as a rest stop, to which one turns in times of greatest joy or deepest sorrow.

Where did Timothy's sincere faith first dwell?

In grandma. Then in mom.

WHAT MIGHT THAT LOOK LIKE?

Looking to the Father in times of great joy and deep sorrow and everything in between. (Abiding, Jn. 15)

Maintaining a rich prayer life in your family's presence and in their absence.

Going first and last to the Word for wisdom and insight – and letting them see you do it. (Ps. 119:11, 105)

Walking in obedience to the Word (James 1:22-25)

Practicing what you preach.

Maintaining a teachable spirit.


Demonstrating the gentleness of the Tender Shepherd.

Being okay with being weak in front of your kids so His power can rest on you. (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

Modeling grace, truth, mercy and forgiveness.

Living as if you believe that “apart from Christ you can do nothing.”

Demonstrating a hunger for the things of God; encouraging corporate worship and Bible study.



Simply put, let your faith be sincere and let it find its resting place in you, by God's grace and for His glory. Meanwhile, we'll be praying and praising God every time we think of you!

Philippians 1:6