

# Chesswood Baptist Church

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD  
...THE UNFEIGNED FAITH THAT IS IN THEE  
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MOTHER'S DAY  
SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-5

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## 1 BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the May 8, 2022 Evening Message for the Background.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Today is Mother's Day. We recognize mothers as a vital part of God's framework for the family. It is for this reason that we have recognized all mothers and would-be mothers in attendance today at Chesswood Baptist Church.
- b. In the beginning, God created male and female. **Genesis 1:27, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**
- c. God told them to be fruitful and multiply. **Genesis 1:28, And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**
- d. We honour our mothers, would-be mothers and grandmothers on this special day.
- e. We cannot turn to a better passage of scripture than the one that is in our text. **2 Timothy 1:5, When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.**
- f. Look at the word unfeigned for a moment; it simply means sincere, not hypocritical, and real all abiding faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 11:6, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**
- g. As we introduce this subject, it is without a doubt that Timothy had Godly influences from his ancestors.
- h. Our text does not say anything about his father, but we believe his father was a Greek; however, we know that both his grandmother and mother were of Jewish heritage.
- i. One basic difference is that they believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and they had faith in His blood and had accepted Him as their personal Saviour.
- j. **John 1:13, Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**
- k. This sets the tone for this Mother's Day message.
- l. We have heard the statement many times: The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Although this is not found in the Bible, it is true and correct.
- m. The problem in this day is that some mothers do not want to rock the cradle.
- n. **Mothers will have an influence on their children, either a Godly influence, or an unscriptural influence. If you recall in the news some time ago, a mother in Baltimore dealt with her son severely. It is apparent that he had been taught to do what was right. However, she did not hesitate to enforce her teachings.**
- o. Children are guided by the example of the mother and father in the home.
- p. One of the problems in America today is we have kids raising kids.

- q. There is no solid foundation to build on; we are allowing television and the internet to provide basic instructions, principles for our children, and shaping of their value system. More than **one-quarter** of American adults are no longer a part of the religious group in which they were raised. Factoring in moves from one denomination to another, the number rises to **44 percent**. **One in four adults** ages 18-29 do not claim any affiliation with a religious institution. Roughly **10 percent** of all Americans are now considered ex-Catholics. Hindu's claimed the highest retention of childhood members, at **84 percent**. The group with the worst retention rate is also one of the fastest growing – Jehovah's Witnesses. People who identified themselves as Buddhists and Muslim make up less than **one percent** of the population. Jews accounted for **1.7 percent**. David Olsen, in his organization The American Church, reports that in the last decade church attendance on Sundays has **declined from 20.4% to 17.5%**. The percentage of the population attending a Christian church in 2010 for Texas is **only 16.7%**.
- r. No wonder we are in such horrible shape; with our prisons loaded with young people. **Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**
- s. We want to examine what Paul has to say to Timothy about the influence of a Godly mother and grandmother.
- t. I want you to notice this is not Timothy talking about his mother and grandmother; it is a third party coming from the apostle Paul based on what he had seen demonstrated in young Timothy's life.
- u. Let's see what we can glean from God's Word today.

### 3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.**
  - 1. **2 Timothy 1:1, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**
  - 2. It is very interesting that Paul starts this letter to Timothy by saying he is an apostle by the will of God.
  - 3. Back in **1 Timothy 1:1**, he starts off by saying **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;**
  - 4. There is no hope outside of Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:19, If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**
  - 5. After we come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, our next responsibility is to seek the will of God. **John 6:29, Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**
  - 6. As we talk about grandmothers and mothers on this lovely Mother's Day, the work of God is extremely important.
  - 7. Paul talks about the commandments of God, which in the Bible reveal the will of God.
  - 8. As a matter of fact, He tells us in **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
  - 9. The first thing we must recognize is that a Godly grandmother and mother must exercise positive leadership if the children are to turn out ok. Raising children from a negative point of view will never allow them to succeed in life. **Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**
  - 10. Parents need to have their faith grounded in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our only hope.
  - 11. We must **embrace and believe** the promises of God.
  - 12. Those promises are in no other person than the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**
  - 13. When we are saved and born again, God gives us a brand new nature. The soul that was dead comes alive and only by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as personal saviour can this be accomplished. **2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**
  - 14. Godly mothers and grandmothers must realize the only way to Heaven is to be in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**
  - 15. He subtracts our sins, past, present and future and gives us His righteousness. **Romans 3:22, Even**

***the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:***

16. The apostle Paul expresses this in no uncertain terms as he talks about the will of God.
17. The promise of life that is reflected in this verse, which is in Christ Jesus, makes it clear the only way to have eternal life is to obtain it through Christ Jesus. **John 17:3, *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.***
18. The Bible says in **1 John 5:12, *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.***

**b. To Timothy, my dearly beloved son.**

1. **2 Timothy 1:2, *To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.***
2. The greeting that Paul expresses toward Timothy is a very affectionate one.
3. He uses three most powerful words: **grace, mercy and peace.**
4. We only find this combination of **grace, mercy and peace** in none other than Jesus Christ.
5. The Bible tells us by grace we are saved and it is according to God's mercy then we can have peace with God. **Ephesians 2:8, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Titus 3:5, *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Romans 5:1, *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*****
6. This speaks of none other than the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
7. Paul tells Timothy these are the most important words in the world and they are given to us by God.
8. Salvation is a free gift and there is **nothing** we can do to earn it or keep it.

**c. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with a pure conscience.**

1. **2 Timothy 1:3-4, *I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; 4: Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;***
2. The Apostle Paul is going back to his training as he relates this to young Timothy.
3. He remembers the forefathers with a pure conscience.
4. I am reminded of **Proverbs 22:28, *Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.***
5. If we were to reflect on the Godly training that we had growing up, it is truly amazing to see how it has shaped our lives.
6. Timothy was on the Apostle Paul's prayer list.
7. I wonder how many people are on your prayer list. Is the Pastor and the work of this Church a part of your prayer life? **Ephesians 6:18, *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;***
8. Do we have Godly moms and grandmothers, and do you pray for your pastor, if that is the case then God will shape the lives of the people in this Church and cause this Church to be a testimony to the glory of God.
9. We must send a very clear signal to our young people; It is God and God only, through Christian principles that we relate to them. We are in a deplorable condition today as we look at some very alarming statistics. Our young people are very much confused. In 1991, 52% of our **so-called born-again church kids** said there is no absolute truth. In 1994, 62% said there is no absolute truth. In 1999, 89% said there is no absolute truth. In 2002, 91% of our church kids said there is no absolute truth. While it is not possible to update this statistical data in every category, a recent study by David Kinnaman reveals no drastic improvements. In the past teenagers viewed religious involvement partly as they way to maintain their all-important relationships. Today technology such as social networking is reconfiguring teens need for relationships and continual connectivity, diminishing the role of certain spiritual forms of engagements in their life's. Talking to God and in some cases even parents may be losing out to Facebook. Just as God will not be concerned about our financial assets, our neighborhood, automobile not even our Facebook page. **He wants us to be linked to him.** With respect to absolute truth and final authority, God's Word says, **Psalms 119:89, *For ever, O LORD, thy word***

*is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:160, Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. Romans 3:4, God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 1 Peter 1:18-19, Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

10. These Christian principles are placed into action in their lives through our example and we can only shape their attitudes with our love. We must understand that they read body language and we must love them unconditionally. **Titus 2:1-4, But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. 3: The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,**
11. We must not only talk the talk, but we must walk the walk according to the Gospel. If there is no absolute truth and no perfect Word from God, we are all in serious trouble. **Proverbs 30:5, Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. 1 Corinthians 13:8-10, Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9: For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10: But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.**
12. It is obvious Paul loved Timothy and was willing to teach and take a stand for the absolute truth.
13. Paul had been arrested and was back in prison.
14. He even faced death which affected young Timothy.
15. Paul states ***"that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;"***
16. Paul knew he had a friend and was loved by Timothy.

**d. ...The unfeigned faith that is in thee.**

1. **2 Timothy 1:5, When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.**
2. Paul calls to remembrance the sincere genuine faith that is within this young man Timothy.
3. Character, wisdom, and faith in God is developed from a Godly home through a sterling example. **James 1:5, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**
4. It was an example of two people, both the mother and the grandmother that passed on Christian principles and faith to Timothy.
5. Paul is very emphatic when he says the faith he is talking about dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois.
6. **What a testimony for a grandmother that she was willing to impart the faith to Eunice first, then to this young boy!**
7. A consistent life guided by Godly principles, is the thing that causes the Word of God to come alive. The only Bible that some will read is set forth in our lives.
8. We must not forget the mother of this young man, Eunice.
9. She was willing to take the example of his grandmother and she was not ashamed to pass it on to her son.
10. The Bible reminds us of a lady in the scriptures that raised Moses.
  - a. Most of us remember Moses as being the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
  - b. Heir to the throne, he chose to serve God rather than to sit on the throne of Pharaoh. **Hebrews 11:24, 25, & 27 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25: Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. 27: By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**



- c. He was certainly entitled to that throne.
- d. We find that word had gone out to slaughter the young babies, and Moses was hidden for three months. **Exodus 2:2, And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.**
- e. He was placed in an ark, floated down the river, and his Godly mother kept an eye on him.
- f. She did not want any harm to come to him.
- g. Pharaoh's daughter saw that Moses was a beautiful child.
- h. She had compassion on him. **Exodus 2:6, And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.**
- i. The sister observed all of these actions and went and secured the child's mother as a caretaker. **Exodus 2:7-9, Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8: And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9: And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.**
- j. What a beautiful example of the Lord Jesus Christ as He came and gave His life for us on the cross; died in our place as our substitute.
- k. Jochebed, took care of the child until he was grown as **Exodus 2:11 implies, And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.**
- l. Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses. **Exodus 2:10, ...And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.**
- m. Then Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him for her own son and Moses was learned in all of the wisdom of the Egyptians. **Acts 7:21-22, And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. 22: And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.**
- n. Jochebed, his mother had great influence on him, for he was great in Pharaoh's eyes. **Numbers 26:59, And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.**
- o. He was called to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. **Exodus 3:10, Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.**
- p. He was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but when God calls and places His hand on an individual, there is no way that you can neglect the true calling unless one is totally miserable and upset.
- q. We find Godly influence from this woman that rocked the cradle of Moses, as a result of that, we see the sincere faith that existed in his life.
- 11. Another example of a Godly mother in Scripture is Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel.
  - a. She prayed for a child and God answered her by giving her a son.
  - b. She named him Samuel, which means "asked of God."
  - c. When he was about three years old, Hannah took him to the tabernacle, to learn from Eli, the priest.
  - d. She came to see Samuel once a year and she prayed for him.
  - e. A Godly mother is **always praying** for her family.
  - f. Samuel lived in the midst of the wickedness of Eli sons.
  - g. He was influenced by his Godly mother that was greater than all the influences that came from friends and family around him.
  - h. It was Hannah's love for God, in the midst of harsh and unpleasant circumstances that influenced her son.
  - i. Her prayers were answered by God.
  - j. We know that Samuel became a great judge of Israel, an outstanding man of God.
  - k. These are two short examples of Godly mothers and the influence they had on their sons.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Those of you who have lost children, I want to comfort you; that if they had not reached the age of accountability, they have gone to Heaven to be with the Lord. **2 Samuel 12:23, But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**
- b. My late wife and I happen to fall in that category, where we have one that has gone on to be with the Lord.
- c. For those of you that have never been able to have a child, I want to comfort you; you need to stay within God's will and let God take care of all circumstances and events in your life. We have honoured you today, along with all of the other moms because there are children at Chesswood Baptist Church that their lives have been touched on the basis of your Godly influence.
- d. I want to say to the unsaved moms that have never come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; you need to turn to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ this very moment, believe the Gospel, and be saved.
- e. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.1 John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**
- f. Would you come to Jesus today?
- g. **The world is ready to make an impact on your children;** it is only you and the rest of the Christian family that can influence your children with Christian values and principles and help them come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's together reverse the trend among our so-called born-again children, having them **know** that there **is** absolute truth and the Preserved Word of God is the final authority for faith and practice, because we adults believe, accept and embrace it and we are willing to allow the Preserved Word of God to govern our lives.
- h. At Chesswood Baptist Church we stand ready to meet this challenge.
- i. Would you stand please?

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