

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**

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**Sunday School ~ Ordained Minister Samuel O. Simon, Superintendent**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**Woman's Class – Leader: Sis. Bettye Adrion, Teacher this week: Sis. Lottie Jackson Lesson 11**

**Unit III: "GOD'S Call and It's Responsibilities"**

**Lesson Subject: "Trust and Encouragement"**

**Key Verse...** "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in CHRIST JESUS." (2 Timothy 1: 13 KJV)

**Lesson Topics:**

1. Remember The Call/Work – 2 Timothy 1: 3-6
2. Work The Call—Do – 2 Timothy 1: 7-10
3. Embrace The Call – 2 Timothy 1: 11-14

**1. Remember The Call/Work...**

V. 3, Paul's thanksgiving to GOD for Timothy's faith and holiness.

Paul worked much in prayers. He prayed night and day. Prayer was his constant business, and he never forgot his friends in his prayers, as most often do.

V. 4, Timothy was sorry to part with Paul. He wept bitterly and Paul desired to see Timothy again. What a true affection they had one for another. It was their joy to labor together in Christian ministry. V. 5, He thanks GOD that Timothy kept the faith of his ancestors. It's most comforting to know that our children imitate their parental faith's in GOD and practice the holiness of lifestyles, of their godly parents. Its so important that parents be obedient to GOD and read GOD'S WORD with their children. [Follow the lead of our Pastor and watch how GOD will bless our children] The faith that dwell in real believers is unfeigned (not false or imitated, its real), it is a faith that will stand the trials and manifest as a godly principle lived by. Paul encouraged Timothy for living out the faith of his grandmother Lois, and his mother Eunice. V. 6, Paul exhorted Timothy to stir up The Gift of GOD within him and to 'hold fast' (be strong) and encouraged! To "stir up" is to use The Gift of GOD, engage in appropriate activities for the ministry. If your Gift is to sing—then sing! If it to teach—then teach! If its encouragement through the laying on of hands—do it. [We experience our newly ordained deacon Bro. Tairone Stanford, receiving The Gift of The HOLY SPIRIT as the Pastor and Spiritual Leaders laid hands on him.] Remember The Call/Work!

**2. Work The Call—Do! (2 Timothy 1: 7-10)**

V. 7, The great hindrance of usefulness in the increase of our gifts is "fear."

Paul therefore warned Timothy against "fear." GOD hath delivered us from the spirit of fear, and hath given us The Spirit of Power and Love, and a sound mind. The Spirit of Love to GOD sets us above the "fear" of man. The Spirit of a sound mind or 'quietness of mind,' sets us above the "fear" of the world around us. "Be still and know that I AM GOD..." (Psalm 46: 10) We are oftentimes discouraged in our work by the creatures of our own imaginations.

V. 8, Paul exhorts Timothy and even us today, to count upon afflictions to come... to get ready for them. Be not ashamed of The Gospel! Even those who are suffering for The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST. Timothy was not to be ashamed of Paul being in bonds, chained in prison. The Gospel is the testimony of our LORD; in this, he bears the testimony himself to us, professing our commitments to it. Paul was The LORD'S prisoner. For The LORD'S sake, Paul was bound.

“For whosoever shall be ashamed of ME and of MY WORDS, of him shall The SON of Man be ashamed, when HE shall come in HIS own glory, and in HIS FATHER’S, and of The Holy Angels...” (Luke 9: 26) Expect afflictions, for The Gospel’s sake. Be willing to take thy lot with the suffering saints. Matthew 5: 11, 12, “Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for MY sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

V. 9, GOD called us to HIM for HIS purpose, not for our merits. “...while we were ye sinners, CHRIST died for us.” (Romans 5: 8b) HE saved us and called us to do HIS Will. He gives us Eternal life by GOD’S GRACE (GOD’S Redemptive Act Cost Everything!)

V. 10, By The Gospel of CHRIST death is abolished. Death once an enemy, is made a friend. Death is now only ‘the gate’ to Eternal Glory. From a world to tragedies to The World of Triumphant! The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST brings Life, Light and Immortality!

I Corinthians 15: 55, 57, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to GOD, which giveth us the victory through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.” Work The Call—Do!

### **3. Embrace The Call. (2 Timothy 1: 11-14)**

Embrace is to hold close in our arms. Showing fondness or Love.

The Call is an order to come... a summons, an invitation.

Vss. 11, 12, Paul was appointed as an apostle, but he suffered greatly during his ministry. When he wrote to Timothy, he never mentioned or complained about his sufferings. He was always upbeat. It was his privilege to suffer for The Gospel until the day he would see JESUS.

V. 13, Paul challenged Timothy to hold on to The TRUTH of GOD and the “form” of sound “words.” [Mentorship of the Pastor and leaders of The Church is so important.]

Once The WORD of GOD is instilled in us, and we embrace The Call, what a mighty Church we will be! Guard The Gift(s) of GOD! Its not just enough to believe “sound words,” we must Love The Word, believe The Truth and practice The WORD. We will experience “healing virtues” from The WORD of GOD. V. 14, “That good thing” ... was “sound words,” “Christian doctrines,” which was committed to Timothy in his baptism and ordination. We must preserve and transmit the same, to generations coming behind us. Our parents may have had elementary education, but they had The Sound WORD of GOD, filled with The HOLY SPIRIT and knew that GOD was always with them. They Embrace The Call! So must we!