



Fan The Flame | Shawn Johnson | 6.4.2023
Weekly Study

SHARE

This weekend Shawn kicked off our brand new series *2 Timothy* where we as a church will go through a single chapter of 2 Timothy each week of June. Shawn dives right into the richness of Chapter 1 reminding us that God has bestowed upon us a holy calling for His purpose and grace. There is a spark within each of us that holds this holy calling - Will you lean in and let God fan into flame a spirit of power, love and self-control as you continue to build your faith?

GROW

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-9

What does it mean to have “the gift of God,” within you?

Paul was reminding Timothy that we must frequently fan into flame the gift of God. When was the last time you were reminded of the gift of God within yourself? In what area of your life do you hope to fan into flame?

In what way does power, love and self-control help combat fear?

Shawn mentioned that we are blessed enough to live in a place where we can freely pursue/practice our faith. How can we freely take advantage of this blessing in our own lives? What might it look like to “suffer for the gospel” in the United States? In Colorado? In Denver? In your community, work, neighborhood, family?

In verse 9 God did two things. What are they? What is Paul trying to teach us in verse 9?

What are some ways we can live out a “holy calling” according to His purpose rather than a “personal calling” based on our own desires?

MOVE

Take a few minutes to split into pairs and answer these questions one-on-one if you'd like. Then get back together as a group and share your biggest takeaways.

Take a moment to think about the state of your flame (the gift of God within you). Is it strong and healthy or does it feel like it's dwindling?

How is it with your spirit right now? Are you filled with power, love and self-control, or are you filled with fear, doubt, anxiety, anger, etc.? Take a moment to trace these things back to its source. Where are they coming from and what might need to change?

Psalms 73:25-28 says "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but my God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord my God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works." David is one of the most relatable people in the Bible. He experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows when it came to faith and life. In psalm 73, David points out that close proximity with God leads to strength, refuge, guidance, and discernment and that the further away from God he was, the more likely he was to perish..

How is your relationship with God? Are you close and filled with the Spirit? Do you feel far away or distant from God? Have you been too busy and distracted recently? Look at the strength of your flame, the state of your spirit, and your relationship with God. How are they connected? What might that be telling you?

ACTIVITY

Before you wrap up and pray, consider taking some time to do the following activity to help live out your faith and fight for each other as a group throughout the week.

Ask the question below to the entire group and go around in a circle letting everyone share.

1. "What lie have you been believing for a long time, and it's still affecting you as an adult?" - Shawn Johnson
 - a. Throughout the week, set some time aside to pray for some of the members of your group and send an encouraging text to someone. If you'd like, include a verse in your text that squashes a lie they're dealing with.
 - b. Come ready next week to share how this activity went!

PRAY

Pray this week for a spirit not of fear, but a spirit of power, love and self-control as God continues to fan into flame the purpose he has placed on your life. Pray for an opportunity this week to boldly, confidently and unashamedly share your faith to a person or in a place where fear has silenced the message of the gospel. Pray for an opportunity to faithfully walk in your holy calling for his purpose.