

Certificate in Children's Ministry - Saturday evening March 25

Timothy; Ian White

Song - Our God is an awesome God

Prayers of Thanksgiving - Thank you God for....

Bible Reading: Talk about a young man Timothy who lived in Lystra.

Acts 13-14 1st journey Paul on mission with Barnabas...called by the Holy Spirit to share the good news of Jesus Christ - sent off with the blessing of the church in Antioch - got in a boat, Lystra in Galatia (central modern Turkey). Roman garrison...protected the region from invasion from the tribes beyond the high Isaurian mountains. Escape there from Iconium where there had been very successful mission, and many new believers.....because of attack. Moved to Iconium from Antioch of Pisidia similar thing....success, new believers....but opposition too. Lystra Paul prayed for a lame man who was healed, and the town in uproar...'the gods have come down and walk among us!' Barnabas = Zeus & Paul = Hermes. People from Antioch & Iconium came to the town and stoned Paul, leaving him for dead. New disciples from Lystra saved him...they 'surrounded him' ... and again they escaped ...this time to Derbe. Again more success! Way back - Lystra, Iconium, Antioch in Pisidia, eventually back to home Antioch across the sea where they reported the great success of all kinds of people receiving the good news of Jesus Christ.

Acts 16-18 - 2nd journey - some years later - Silas. "Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium."

Paul saw something in this young man, and Timothy became Paul's constant companion and trouble shooter. With Paul in Beroea, sent on behalf of Paul to Macedonia where he took up the collection for the poor in Jerusalem, alongside Paul in Corinth, sent by Paul back to Corinth when there was trouble, sent by Paul to be his eyes and ears in Thessalonika, with Paul when he wrote to Thessalonika, with Paul in prison in Phillipi, with Paul when he wrote to the Colossians and to Philemon. By Paul's side...and if Paul had a tough job to do...he sent young Timothy.

Inexperienced, immature, timid - shy, needed encouragement and assurance, had a stomach problem that troubled him, frequently ill....take some wine for your stomach. Mixed marriage. Not missionary standard surely?

But Paul trusted him...and loved him as a father.

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Writing to the Corinthians....I have sent you Timothy - my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. Writing to the Philippians...I have no one like him - as a son with a father he has served me in the gospel.

1 Tim 1 My loyal child

2 Tim 1 "Paul, an apostle of Christ JesusTo Timothy, my beloved child: I am grateful to God.....when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

When did Paul first meet Timothy?

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you."

Did Paul actually stay with Timothy's family on the 1st journey. Did Paul become Timothy's hero, and when asked on the 2nd journey 'would you want to come with us...things are going to be tough, but exciting', did this young man say 'Yes'!

Paul - Mission started with prayer and fasting, sending out by the church.

Timothy - Might not feel fully equipped to be on mission for God - but that's ok
Lois & Eunice - importance of faith in the home, preparing and encouraging young Timothy.

Paul - the importance of being a role model and mentor to others young in the faith

Intercessions.....(in groups)

The Lord's Prayer (together) Our Father who is in heaven....Amen