

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE**  
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**When I Call To Remembrance – Your Beloved  
Mother and Grandmother**

**II TIMOTHY 1:1-7**

Over one hundred years ago, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established it as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." Now there maybe some mothers who wish they didn't have kids and I know there are women who would give anything just to have a child. Others of you are grieving the direction your prodigal child is taking. Many moms are gripped with guilt and swimming in shame because they think they're not doing a good job. And a number of you moms are flying solo as you work hard to nurture your child's faith without the support of the child's dad.

Let me be quick to say if you aren't married or don't have children, you are not inferior. Womanhood is not only about marriage and children. Your worth as a woman goes far beyond your marital status or whether or not you have kids. We often say **MOMS MATTER**, but the truth is that **WOMEN MATTER**, whether they are married, single, childless or whatever you are important in the work of God's Kingdom and this local New Testament church.

As Paul writes these words from his prison cell, he remembers where Timothy's sincere and genuine faith had its roots. His mind immediately fills with memories of two missional moms – Timothy's mom, Eunice and his grandmother Lois **V-5**.

I, too, am reminded of the genuine faith of my mother, **Kay Duncan** and my grandmother **Frances Lawrence** and the impact they left on my life is as great as any preacher or professor and the same can be said of Jewell's mother **Bonnie Bailey** and grandmother **Fern Springer**. While tracing his family tree of faith, he uses the phrase, "a faith that dwelt." The word "**dwelt**" means "to inhabit, to take up residence, to be at home with."

Here are five principles that come from this passage.

1. Sincere Christ-followers stand out.
2. Focus on your family first.
3. Faith is both taught and caught.
4. There are no perfect moms.
5. Even in a less than ideal situation, you can make an eternal impact.

Now look at **V-5** again as Paul says, "when I call To Remembrance..." If Timothy were sending a Hallmark Mother's Day card to his mother, what do you think he might have said? Let me share three things Timothy might have said to his mother on Mother's Day.

**I. THANKS MOM, FOR STAYING TRUE TO THE FAITH**

Timothy, his mother, and grandmother all lived in Lystra (**Acts 16:1**) and apparently it was there where they had come to believe in Jesus. Timothy's father was a Greek, who apparently was not a believer (**Acts 16:1**).

Besides saying thanks to Eunice for keeping the faith, Timothy might have something else to say to his mother.

**II. THANKS MOM, FOR RAISING ME RIGHT!**

We've seen that Timothy was basically raised by his mother - there is no record of his father, not even his name - and it would have been so easy for him to rebel against his mother.

**III. THANKS MOM, FOR LETTING ME GO!**

By the time Paul came to Timothy's hometown, Timothy was already a disciple. People in Lystra and Iconium were reporting good things about him (**Acts 16:2**). Eunice could have played the "guilt card" on Timothy and used any number of tricks to get him to stay with her. If she had no other means of support, certainly she would have had a point, and Timothy might have strongly felt his obligation to help his mother.

Yes, **MOMS MATTER** and **ALL WOMEN MATTER**  
for the Kingdom of God.

Have you put your faith in Christ Jesus the Lord and are part of the Kingdom of God?

