

Third Sunday in Eastertide Confirmation Sunday May 4, 2025

SERMON SERIES
Victory in the Valleys of Life

TODAY'S SERMON
"Fanning the Flame"

2 Timothy 1:1-7
New Living Translation (NLT)

1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 I am writing to Timothy, my dear son.
May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

3 Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4** I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

5 I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. **6** This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Sermon Notes

Today as we come to Confirmation Sunday, I think it is appropriate as we pause to consider how the Apostle Paul sought to inspire and build up his young protégé named Timothy in the faith. In the words of St. Paul to youthful Timothy, we share these words of reassurance:

1) Admit Your _____.

2) Acknowledge Your _____.

3) Activate Your _____.

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