



# be COURAGEOUS

**July 29**

**Opening Up:**

- Do you like to be scared? Explain.
- In the past week can you name a risk that you have taken?
- In the next week is there a risk you should take?
- What's a risk you should not have taken, but did?

**Reference:** 2 Timothy 2:1-12

**Discuss:**

1. What spoke to you in the sermon?
2. Paul tells Timothy that is he gifted by God in verse 6. How has God gifted you for the advancement of the gospel? (Perhaps you could have the group speak about the gifts they see in each other.)
3. Paul encourages Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God.” The gift and calling to preach burned in Timothy. What burns inside of you? What makes your heart race? What need in the world do you feel the gospel is compelling you to address?
4. Reminding Timothy of his faith in verses 1-5, Paul encourages Timothy to feed the fire. How do you feed your faith? How do you “fan into flame the gift of God?”
5. We are told to not extinguish the Spirit of God (1 Thessalonians 5:19). Has the burn in you ever been snuffed out? If so, how did it happen?
6. In 1:9-10 Paul reminds Timothy that salvation is by grace and not by works. Our ministry is also empowered by grace and not by works (Philippians 2:12-13). It seems that we are sometimes more aware of the obstacle in front of us than we are of the power of God that is behind us. How does faith help you to be courageous?
7. You might rephrase the teaching of 1 Timothy 1:12 this way: “Timothy, my child, God has gifted you with a gift that burns inside of you. Feed the fire, for we willfully suffer these things that others may live. Be courageous.” What action step do you need take in light of this message? How can the group help you?
8. Pray