

Passing the Baton

2 Timothy 1:1-7

The Christian faith is passed from one generation to the next like a baton in a relay race.

1. Features of the baton pass (v1-4)
2. Paul's spiritual heritage (v3)
3. Timothy's spiritual heritage (v5)
4. The heritages merge (v6)
5. Now Timothy runs (v7)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Who has been a Paul to you, showing you how to live and serve Christ? Do you have one now? Is there something God is calling you to do about a Paul in your life?
2. Who is your Timothy, the runner you are handing the baton to? Have one?
3. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7. What's the tone? Does Paul come across more as a father, an older brother or a coach? What evidence do you see of a close relationship between the two men?
4. How do grace, mercy and peace (v2) set the stage for this letter?
5. What was Paul's spiritual heritage? Why does he mention a clear conscience? Was his conscience clear when he was persecuting Christians (Acts 8)?
6. What was Timothy's spiritual heritage? (See also Acts 16:1) What do you make of the fact that Timothy wasn't circumcised until Paul had him circumcised in Acts 16:3? Would he have been considered a Jew or a Gentile?
7. When did these two men's spiritual heritage come together? See Acts 14:8-23 and 16:1-5. What seems to have commended Timothy to Paul's consideration?
8. What do you know about Timothy? See 1 Timothy 4:12, 5:23 and 2 Timothy 1:7. What does Paul want Timothy to do with his spiritual gift? What might that look like?
9. Take some time to pray for the Pauls and Timothys in your life.