

**INSIDE OUT**  
**Week 4**  
 March 27–28, 2021  
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**WARM-UP**

If you've ever had a fire get out of hand on you, describe what happened. (Kitchen, campfire, burn pile, etc.)

**DISCUSS**

**Read 2 Timothy 1:5–12**

We can often let fear get in our way of reaching out to our community and others around us who we care about – fear of rejection, fear of what others might think or say, fear of persecution, etc.

- What are some of the things that cause you to be timid about reaching out to others?
- How does this passage give you reassurance and strength?
- Describe how someone can fan the flame of their spiritual gifts. What kinds of actions grow your impact?
- Discuss how spending time in God's Word fills us (give us fuel/power) to be bold and step out in faith. (verse 7. See **Romans 10:17** also.)
- Paul also says in verse 7 that we are given a spirit of love. Compare this with **1 Corinthians 13:1–3**. How does showing the love of God through our gifts empower us to share his love with others through the gifts we have been given?
  - Why would our gifts and actions be only "noise" or "nothing" if not used in conjunction with the love of God?
- Verse 9 says we're called to live a holy life. Why is being set apart connected to spiritual gifts?
- Verse 11 talks about being a herald and an apostle and a teacher. A herald makes a public proclamation. In what way are we each called to be a herald?
- What causes you the most fear when you think of or use the Holy Spirit given gifts to show God's love to those in your workplace, community, family, etc.?

- How can looking at situations in the context of eternity give courage and encouragement to you?
- Think of others in the Bible or throughout history who suffered for the sake of Christ. What can their lives show you or offer you when faced with fear of rejection or persecution?
- In verse 12, Paul states that he is not ashamed because he knows "whom" he has believed in. Why is it important to know *whom* we believe in and not just *what* we believe in?
- How can knowing what Jesus went through for us give us more ability to trust in him and make us less likely to face fear?

**NEXT STEP**

How is God calling you to use your gift(s) this week to invite someone to Easter services? Or perhaps asking you to use your gift(s) to show the love of Christ to someone?

Pray that God will give you an awareness of who that is and that you will recognize the situation when it arises and courage to speak up.

**PRAYER**

In groups of 2–4, share what you identified as your next step. Then take turns praying for each other's needs.

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