



Worship Guide for **July 7, 2024**

## Sermon Notes

### **Continuing on in Faith**

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Transitions are difficult. Timothy's leader, his mentor was in prison, and it wasn't looking good - dissension from within, the challenge of False teachers, and the threat of persecution. The book of 2 Timothy is basically Paul preparing Timothy to take the mantle of Gospel ministry.

Life brings change, but God, His Faithfulness, and His purposes do not change! On the edge of a new beginning, it is wise and necessary to look back and see how we got here and consider what we need moving forward. You see, God has been at work, and He is still working. He has plans for me and you.

**We can always walk into the future with great confidence, when we remember God's faithfulness in the past, recognize His presence now, and rely on His provision moving forward.**

1. Continue on by Remembering God's faithfulness
  1. God's faithfulness to save – Paul, Timothy
  2. God's faithfulness through spiritual heritage
  3. God's faithfulness through spiritual community
2. Continue on by Recognizing God's presence (Paul's example)
  1. Constant prayer
  2. Consistent gratefulness
  3. Clear Conscience (no regrets)
3. Continue on by Relying on God's Provision
  1. His Spirit
  2. His Gifts

Applications:

## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### JULY

All Month - Elder Nominations

6-15 Hungary Mission Trip

10 Life Together

20 Men's Breakfast

20 AHG Game Night

22-26 CentriKid Camp

25 Red Cross Blood Drive