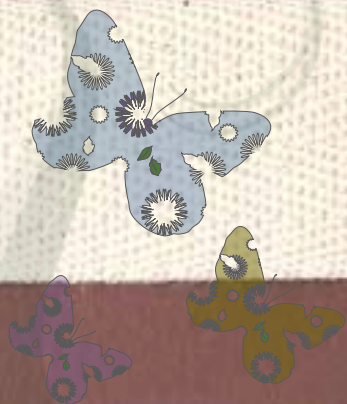


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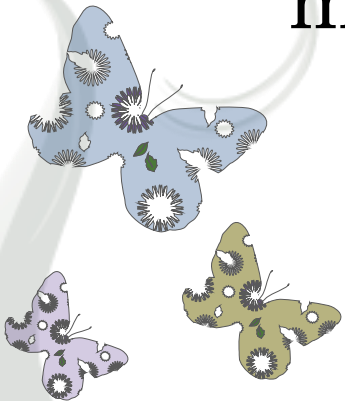


Mothers Day

Honor Moms

- Interesting times
 - equality and role debates
 - cultural pressures
 - media and influence

Difficult day for some

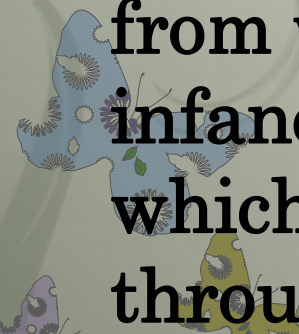


Story of a Family – Lois, Eunice & Timothy

1. Pass On A Love for Scripture 2

Tim. 3:12-15

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”



a) Life will have challenges

- Godliness will be attacked by others
- be honest and open about this truth

b) Learn and Internalize scripture

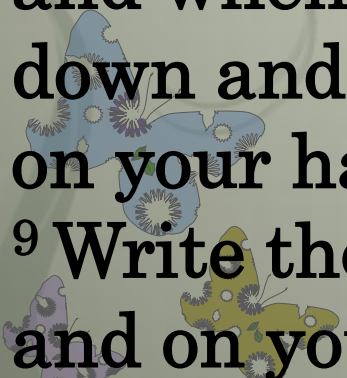
- continue in what you have learned
- what you observe convinces you of what you have learned
- legacy of faithfulness earned over time



c) Many conversations not 1-time lessons

- from infancy you...
- important stuff – makes you wise
- implies consistent reinforcement

“⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”



2. Model An Authentic Faith (2 Tim 1:5)

- “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”

a) faith is not inherited

- must be learned and embraced by each

- evident and influencing

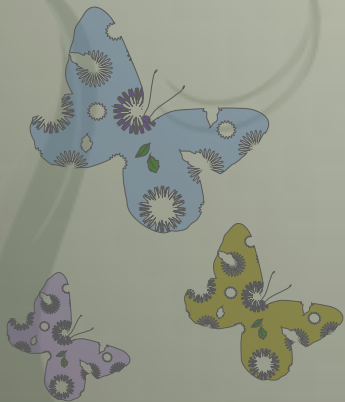
- must be invited to embrace for self



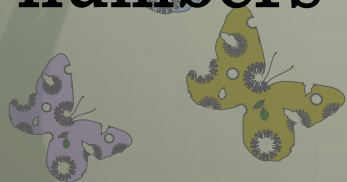
b) be real about your walk

- word sincere – without hypocrisy
- without pretense or false facade
- takes into account hard lessons

3. Develop a Desire to Minister (Acts 16:1-3)

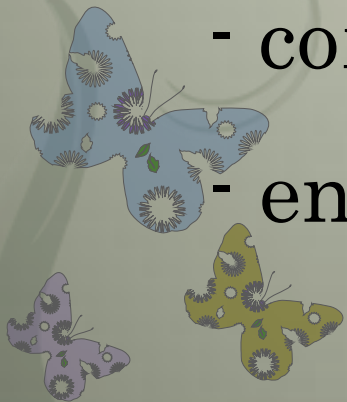


“He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. ² The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers”



a) things to note about Timothy

- strong believer noticed by Paul
- good reputation with those around him
- recruited by Paul
- willing to sacrifice to serve
- committed his life to serving & going
- endured difficult moments - faithfully



b) Paul's reflections on Timothy

- 'beloved son' – 1 Cor. 4:17
- 'own son in the faith' – 1 Tim. 1:2
- 'have no one else like him' – Phil. 2:20

c) Desire instilled to Minister

- reflects on the soil prepared by Eunice
- raised to serve, modeled, taught & caught



So What

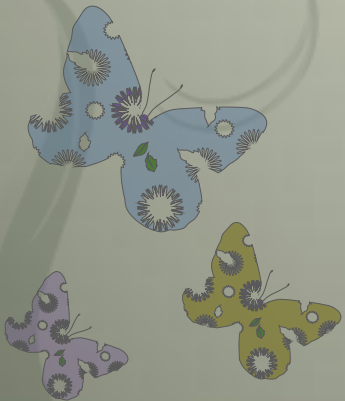
1. Have & Pass on a Love for Scripture

- cannot instill a value you don't own
- share verses, insights, wisdom from God
- use scripture in conversation
- encourage them to develop a love for the Word of God



2. Live Your Faith with Authenticity

- be real about hard times
- challenge children to own their faith
- invite them to have relationship with God
- allow them to see you practice faith



3. Foster a Ministering Environment

- practice serving and ministering to others
- encourage your kids to minister
- reinforce that reputation matters
- release them to serve a call
- celebrate what God does in them at every age and stage

