

In Touch

A MODEL MOTHER

Dear Friend:

With much of our attention focused on COVID19 and the fallout, we can't forget that this Sunday is Mother's Day. If you are fortunate enough to still have your mother living and you forget Mothers' Day you may end up in the emergency room and it won't be because of COVID19!

Talking about women as models can be a taboo topic these days. I have no interest in talking about runway models but I have a lot of interest in talking about women as spiritual models – so does the apostle Paul. You've heard about Paul's protégé in ministry, Timothy, right? He was truly Paul's "right hand man". Before Paul trained Timothy, Timothy was trained by his mother and grandmother. As a matter of fact, all of Timothy's spiritual groundwork was laid by these two women. Keeping the theme of Mother's Day in mind, what kind of spiritual role model was Timothy's mother? The answer is found in II Timothy 1:3-8, Paul makes several references to Timothy's character, which I believe he both "caught" and was taught by his mother and grandmother.

First, I believe both women walked their talk. Christianity is a faith of both talk and walk. You know the old saying: "You talk the talk but do you walk the talk?". If you say you're a Christian do you walk/live like a Christian? Paul tells Timothy that he can see Timothy's faith by the way he lives. Timothy saw faith modeled in his mother and grandmother, and grew-up to walk his talk. Second, I believe the women talked their walk. What? Living our faith is not all God expects, he expects us to talk about and share our faith too. Based on Timothy's effectiveness he was not ashamed to talk about his faith. Third, the two women in Timothy's life somehow trained Timothy in the faith. No one can be grounded in the faith like Timothy was unless he/she begins learning the faith at an early age.

Mom's - what kind of spiritual model are you? A great place to begin being the model God wants you to be – read the books of I & II Timothy and start influencing them like Timothy's mother and grandmother did!

Happy Mother's Day, Pastor Mike

Prayer Concerns: COVID19 and the way people are affected, Front Line workers, Roland Majors (cancer), Stan Eller (kidney problems & possible transplant), Our Church Re-opening May 17th.

Events: Re-opening May 17th, greeters are needed now and over the next several weeks to open and close entrance doors for people. If you can help please call the church at 614-855-1391 and leave a message. Our final Prayer Gathering, Sunday May 10th 9:00 a.m. suggest you start calling at 8:45 a.m. 1-605-313-5846 code 881885

Re-opening, some of our safety steps: Masks provided (hope you wear one when talking to others, not required), 6 ft. distancing, bring your own snacks and visit after church, no childcare can be provided until the State re-opens childcare as an option again, lots of hand-sanitizing!