

## A Call to Action

Text: **2 Timothy 1:6–8**

**6**Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

**7**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**8**Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Theme: Rekindling spiritual passion, rejecting fear, and embracing boldness in ministry.

Introduction: Tonight, we turn to Paul's second letter to Timothy . . .

**Three main points:**

### **I. Rekindling the Fire (Verse 6)**

**“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”**

Paul begins with a reminder—a call to action. He tells Timothy to “stir up” the gift of God. The Greek word used here for “stir up” implies rekindling a flame, like fanning the embers of a fire that’s starting to die out.

### **II. Rejecting Fear, Embracing Power (Verse 7)**

**“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”**

Paul now shifts from the call to stir up the gift to a powerful reminder of what God has not given us—and what He has.

**God gives us three things:**

1. Power

This is divine strength—Holy Spirit power—to do what God has called us to do.

## 2. Love

Not just emotional love, but agape—sacrificial, unconditional love.

## 3. Sound Mind

This means self-discipline, clarity, and wisdom.

### **III. Boldness in Witness and Suffering (Verse 8)**

**“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.”**

Paul now moves from encouragement to exhortation. He challenges Timothy **not** to be ashamed—neither of the Gospel nor of Paul himself, who is imprisoned for preaching it.

#### 1. The Temptation to Be Ashamed

In a hostile culture, it’s tempting to stay silent.

#### 2. The Call to Share in Suffering

**“Be thou partaker of the afflictions...”** — this is not a passive acceptance but an active participation.

#### 3. The Power to Endure

Paul doesn’t leave Timothy with a burden; he reminds him of the power of God.

### **Conclusion**

Paul’s message to Timothy is timeless:

Stir up the gift—don’t let your calling grow cold.

Reject fear—walk in power, love, and a sound mind.

Be bold—embrace the Gospel, even when it costs you.

Let us be a church that fans the flame, walks in courage, and stands unashamed for the cause of Christ.