

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

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## Honoring the Person Who Gave Birth to Our Faith (II Timothy)

Very shortly after Olivia and I began dating, I took her to see a movie called *My Life*. It was the story of Bob and Gail Jones, a couple who were expecting their first child. Bob is diagnosed with kidney cancer early on in the pregnancy, and it is likely that he will lose his life before their baby is born.

Heartbroken at the prospect of never getting to know his child, Bob decides to record videos to teach his unborn baby about himself and how to deal with various things in life. As you might imagine this was a very, very sad movie, and not exactly a great date movie! It was also a movie that I never really care to sit through again.

However, several years ago I was asked to preach a sermon about the 5th commandment to "Honor your father and mother." As I was preparing for that sermon, I began to think about the premise of this movie and the idea of encapsulating the ways in which my daughters could honor me as their father. If I were to record videos or write letters, what would they contain?

As I was pondering this idea, it occurred to me that Paul's final instructions to his "true child in the faith" (**1 Timothy 1:2**) Timothy in the epistle of II Timothy would be the exact things I would want to leave for my daughters. More than anything I want Kate and Sara to be followers of Christ, and these teachings of Paul get to the core of what it means to live a life dedicated to Him.

While I know that not everyone has/had a father who helped lead them to Christ, all of us who have a faith in Him were led by someone. On this Father's Day, let's consider how we can honor the one who helped give birth to our faith by looking at these instructions from Paul in II Timothy:

**(OVER)**

BE STRONG  
and  
COURAGEOUS  
DO NOT BE AFRAID.  
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED,  
for the  
LORD YOUR GOD  
will be with you  
WHEREVER YOU GO  
Joshua 1:9

*"The Lord is my strength  
and my shield; My heart  
trusted in Him and I am  
helped; Therefore my heart  
greatly rejoices, and with my  
song I will praise Him."*

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JESUS - THE *WONDERFUL* ONE  
HE IS *GREATER* THAN ANY RULER  
*MIGHTIER* THAN ANY WARRIOR  
*NOBLER* THAN ANY KING  
*WISER* THAN ANY SAGE  
*BIGGER* THAN ANY KINGDOM  
*BETTER* THAN ANY CROWN  
WORTHY OF *WORSHIP*  
DESERVING OF *PRAISE*

**S\_\_\_\_\_ in the S\_\_\_\_\_ (1:6-2:13, 3:10-13)**

Parents do not want their children to suffer, but would want them to demonstrate their faith in all situations.

**S\_\_\_\_\_ the S\_\_\_\_\_ (2:14-3:9)**

Any parent who is trying to raise their children in the discipline of the Lord, will be constantly trying to steer them away from shameful or dangerous things in life.

**S\_\_\_\_\_ the S\_\_\_\_\_ (3:14-17)**

If we don't hunger for God's Word (i.e. spend time regularly in His Word), then it is as though we are telling God that we don't need him (we are self-sufficient). We hunger for His Word, because we recognize Him as the only way. Christian parents want their children to have this hunger.

**S\_\_\_\_\_ in the S\_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-8)**

More than anything, Christian parents want their children to be lifelong servants of God and to receive the "crown of righteousness" at the end of a life lived for His Son.

So children, how can we show honor to a parent who helped lead us to Christ? Consider these instructions that Paul left for Timothy in the final days of his life.

**PRAYER LIST**

- **Faye Waller** is at NHC rehab after elbow surgery
- **Isabel Johnson** got a good report from her 100 day results and asks for prayers as she makes up school work.
- **Nick Phifer** had a stem cell transplant from his mother to treat leukemia. Please pray for their recovery
- **Doug Demonbreun** has been suffering from cellulitis
- **Patricia Stroud** has been dealing with shingles
- Continue to pray for: families in **Uvalde, Texas** and those in **Ukraine**; **Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz family**, **John Hayes**, **Ann Reed**, **Gaynell Walker**, **Rosemary Douglas**, **Kristine Garrett**, **Rebecca Brown**, and **Jim Sims**

**SERVING TODAY (June 19, 2022)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Read:** E. Walker  
**Prayer:** M. Reed

**WORSHIP**

**Read:** L. Gregory  
**Wait On Table:** C. Baker  
**Serve:** J. Demonbreun, J. Walker  
**Prayer:** J. Gupton