



## The Power of an Encouraging Word

2 Timothy 1:1-7  
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**“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV)**

### Introduction

Paul wrote his last letter while in a Roman dungeon. This letter was addressed to Timothy, Paul’s “spiritual son.” At the time, Timothy was pastoring the church in Ephesus, which he had inherited from Paul, and he was exhausted and weak from his work. When he received this letter from Paul and saw its contents, his heart was moved. Today, we will be talking about **The Power of an Encouraging Word** through 2 Timothy 1:1-7.

#### 1. Greeting (v1-2)

- By the will of God
- The relationship between Paul and Timothy
- Blessing wishes for Timothy

#### 2. Prayer, gratitude, and conviction (v3-5)

- Unceasing prayer
- A heart full of gratitude
- Sincere faith that transcends generations

#### 3. Encouragement through love (v6-7)

- Reminding of the gift given by the laying on of hands
- Fan into flame the gift of God
- Not a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control

### Conclusion

We need to believe that, in any situation, God is with us and guides us. Even when we feel spiritually exhausted and weak, let’s remember the gifts given to each of us, and help and encourage one another as we walk a life filled with God’s love!



**BIBLE VERSES OF THE WEEK**  
**2 Timothy 1:1-7**

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