

# ENTITLED



## **Entitled Sermon Series**

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*2 Timothy 1:1-7*

“How to Leave a Legacy of Sincere Faith”

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### **Introduction**

Well hey there, and welcome back. Again, my name is Josh and I'm so excited as we journey through God's word and take a look at what God's Word has to say about foster care. We're calling this sermon series “*Entitled*,” not because people are entitled in a bad way, but because but because God looks at us and he says, “You are my son; my daughter.” We took a look at Ephesians chapter 1 last time and today I want to take a look at 2 Timothy chapter 1. In the book of Ephesians there's a church in Ephesus, and Paul is writing this letter (the book of 1 and 2 Timothy are letters) to the pastor of that church in Ephesus. Timothy is Paul's protégé and he's writing this letter to him.

### **Opening Prayer**

So, before we dive in and take a look at what this means for our lives today, let me just pray for us that God would help us with that. So, I invite you to pray with me if you will: Father again we thank you so much for Your Word, that it's good, that it's perfect, that we can rely on it, and just as we prayed last time, I pray that we would just have a foundation of Your Word in our lives, that it would dictate what we do, that it wouldn't be about our preferences, about what we want to see in our lives, about what's most comfortable for us, but it would be all about You. Father, Holy Spirit, would you guide us, would you lead us as we take a look at this letter that Paul wrote to Timothy. Father, we realize that You inspired him to do this in the first place, would You use it for inspiration in our lives, that we may build up Your Kingdom better because of this, Father. It's in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

### **1 Timothy 1:3**

Well, follow along with me here in 2 Timothy starting in chapter 1, in verse 1, 2 Timothy, whether you have it, a paper Bible, or the Bible app on your phone, wherever you're finding God's Word, I invite you to follow along with me here. Again, Paul is writing to his protégé, Timothy. He's a young pastor. He's a pastor of the Church of Ephesus and he needs some help. Paul is writing him with some advice and he starts off by saying this: “Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.”

### **Point #1: We need to remember to be faithful to what God has called us to do**

We talked about last time in Ephesians chapter 1 about how we are to view other people the way that God views us and maybe you've been thinking and praying about what God would have in your life, specifically around the realm of foster care, and you're saying, "Okay, maybe God has this for me, I'm not really sure whether I'm to do this or not. I don't even really know what it looks like." Today I want to give you an example of someone who took someone else underneath their wing. Right here in 2 Timothy chapter 1, starting in verse 1, Paul comes right out from the get-go and he says, "Hey I'm an apostle of Jesus Christ." The first way-- I think there's seven things that we are to remember in this passage of Scripture about how we are to bring people underneath our wing and to encourage them to love Jesus the best way that they possibly can-- and the first thing is to simply be faithful with what God has called you to do. Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus was called to do that and he is faithful to what God called him to do. And listen, this isn't always easy... it's really difficult. In fact, oftentimes to be faithful to what God calls you to do can be really scary. At times it can take a lot of hard work.

### **Point #1 Support**

I shared last time that I was with you that I went on a backpacking trip and I had to get in shape to do this and it was really really hard. I picked up running. I never thought I would be a runner before in my life. In fact, I thought it was a form of torture! Earlier in my life, whenever I would run, it would feel like my lungs were literally on fire and that I was being tortured, okay? I mean it was just terrible a terrible, terrible experience, but you know, through that process of getting in shape and running, I've really learned to enjoy it, and if you're a runner, you kind of know that runner's high, right? Like you kind of get done with your run you're like, "Oh man. that was really hard, but I feel good. Yes, I'm tired, but I feel good." It reminds me what Hebrews chapter 12 says, when it says, "It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as Sons. For, what son is there whom the father does not discipline?"

God puts us through difficult times. James chapter 1 verses 2-4 will tell us that those difficult times actually increase our faith. Later on in James chapter 4 it'll say, "**So if whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it's a sin.**" And again, this can be really, really scary but if God calls us to do something, even if it's really hard, we got to go out and do it. We've got to be faithful with what God has given to us. In Luke 12 Jesus will give a parable about a servant who has received things from his master. It says in Luke 12 that, "**The servant who knew his master's will, but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating.**" The next verse tells us though, "**But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. And everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.**" I want to ask you a question: what has God given you, and are you faithful with it? Are you being faithful with what God has given to you, or are you just kind of skating through life? Are you like, "Well, I want to do this, and I want to take that trip, and I want this car in my driveway, and I want to live in this kind of house, I want this kind of lifestyle," or are you saying, "No, I want to be faithful with everything that God gave me... I want to be a faithful servant of Christ to build up

His Kingdom.” Paul gives us that example, and he passes that example onto Timothy here in this second letter.

## **2 Timothy 1:2-4**

He'll go on in his second letter in verse 2 to say, **“To Timothy, my beloved child:”**-- think of the love that Paul has for Timothy. He's like, “Man, you are my beloved child,”—“Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” He'll go on and he'll say, “I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.” And he'll say, “As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.”

I want you to think about what Paul is saying. He's like, “Man, I want to see you so bad, I'm out here I'm doing this, I'm being faithful with what God has given to me, I need to go to these other churches, I need to travel around I need to preach the gospel, but man, Tim... I really want to be with you. Man, you're like my child, my son, and I'm just, man, every time I think of you I'm filled with joy.” Verse 4, he says that, **“I'm filled with joy as I long to see you.”**

## **Point #2: We need to remember our sphere of influence**

You know, Paul, he could talk about himself more to Timothy, and this letter, he'd be like, “Hey, listen, I'm doing this and I'm doing this and I'm doing this and I'm doing this, look how good that I am.” And yet, he chooses not to do that. He says, “Hey, I'm so excited when I get to see you, this is going to be so good, and I remember your tears, Timothy.” What is Paul doing here? He's realizing first and foremost, there's a couple things I want to point out here, but first and foremost he's realizing his sphere of influence, right? He knows that Timothy, he is within his sphere of influence and he's saying, “Hey I want to influence Timothy in a way that's going to cause Tim to build up God's kingdom,” and for each and every one of us, we need to realize that same thing. We need to realize the people that are in our lives, that God has put around us, whether it be our co-workers, or our family members, or our neighbors, or our kids, whatever that looks like in your life, we need to realize this: God has called us to be the salt of the earth.

## **Point #2 Support**

Jesus will say this in the Sermon on Mount, Matthew Chapter 5, **“If salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.”** We need to be the salt of the earth we need to point people towards Jesus in everything that we do. This is why Colossians chapter 4 will say, **“Let your speech always be gracious seasoned with salt so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”** We are to season our words with salt- our speech with salt, as Colossians chapter 4 will say, even the little things that you say, people pick up on. In fact, I think it's the little things that people pick up on even more than the big things a lot of times.

In Deuteronomy (this is Moses's pep talk to the Israelites before they'll go into the promised land-- a lot of times Deuteronomy kind of gets a bad rap as being this Old Testament boring kind of book, but it's really exciting if you know what's going on-- know the context of this, but) this is what Moses will write to the Israelite people, in Deuteronomy chapter 4, he'll say, **“Only take care and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest**

they depart from your heart all the days of your life"-- look at this—"make them known to your children and your children's children." He's saying you have a sphere of influence, and you need to make known what God has done to that sphere of influence, especially your kids. So, realize that sphere of influence.

### **2 Timothy 1:6**

Go back to 2 Timothy chapter 1 with me. Remember, Paul, thanks God whom he serves, as did his ancestors, he says, **"with a clear conscience as I remember you constantly in my prayers day and night,"** he also says this later on, he says, **"For this reason, I remind you to fan and to flame the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."**

### **Point #3: We need to remember to pray for those within our sphere of influence**

What is Paul telling us to do here? We're not only to realize our sphere of influence, but also to pray for those within our sphere of influence. Are you praying for your co-workers who don't know Jesus? Your family members? Your neighbors? Your kids? How often do you go in prayer asking God's help to know how to answer them? To know what to talk to them about? To ask God to soften their hearts? How often are you going to God, in prayer, asking Him for His help with that? Asking for divine appointments with them, to go and to talk to them about who he is? We need to be praying for the people who are in our sphere of influence as Paul prayed for his young protégé, Timothy.

### **Point #3 Support**

Ephesians chapter 6 says that we are to, **"Pray at all times in the spirit, with all prayer and supplication."** We are to go before God all the time! It's not just something that happens on Sunday mornings; it's not just something that we do just 30 seconds in the morning, with our morning cup of coffee, right? That's not it. Prayer is something that should be going on throughout the day. It is something that goes on all the time, that we have this constant conversation with the Lord, and we should be lifting up those in our sphere of influence to the Lord, asking for His help with them. Why? Because James chapter 5 tells us this: James 5:16 says, **"The prayer of a righteous person has great power that is his working."** Sometimes I think we think of prayer as this kind of *"feel-good,"* like, *"I don't really know if it works but, you know, it makes me feel a lot better."* It's kind of like you're morning vitamins, right? You're like, *"Ah, I'm not sure if they do anything but it makes me feel a lot better when I take them,"* right? Listen, prayer changes things! James chapter 5 says: **"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."**

Who do you need to pray for in your life, who doesn't know Jesus, and you need to lift them up to God and say, "God I need your help, they need your help, Jesus." Romans chapter 8 will say: **"Likewise, the spirit helps us in our weakness."** A lot of times it can be difficult even to know what to pray for when it comes to praying for other people, but Romans chapter 8 says, **"For we do not know what to pray for as we ought but the spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words, and He who searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to the will of God."** God knows what's going on in your heart, and even if it's just sitting with God and saying, "I don't

even know how to pray for this person, I don't even know how to pray for my kid who doesn't know you, who will barely talk to me, I don't even know how to pray for my neighbor who, man, they live a completely different lifestyle than me, like I don't even know how to do that." God says it's okay just sit with me I know what's on your heart I know what needs to be done but just sit with Me. Again, it's that relationship that God wants to have, as we talked about last time, God wants to have that relationship with us and He wants to just sit with us, and when we do this, this is what the Bible says is the outcome: it's from Philippians chapter 4, it says, **"Don't be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God"**--Let your request be known to God and then look at this--**"the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."** Oftentimes we can be anxious about someone in our sphere of influence, maybe it's a child who's wandered away, who you're saying, "Man, I don't know how to even interact with this person. How do I help my own child? I'm ashamed that they are acting like this. How do I deal with this?" Go to God. He wants to give you His peace that surpasses all understanding, and He wants that relationship with you.

In John chapter 15, Jesus will give this analogy of the branch and the vines, that they need to be connected; that we need to be connected with Him, in a relationship with Him, and in John 15:7, He says, **"If you abide in Me, My Words abide in you, ask what whatever you wish and it'll be done for you."** Again, that's not like a pass, like you can just ask for whatever, that 2025 Jeep Gladiator still not in my driveway even though I've been asking for it, right? But what Jesus is saying here is, "Hey listen, if My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, right? Because suddenly when we go to prayer, things like cars and houses and the material things, those things aren't near as important. What is, are the people around us who don't know Jesus, that's really important. Our own heart, and our own heart posture towards the Holy Spirit, those things are what is of utmost importance.

## **2 Timothy 1:4**

Go back with me to 2 Timothy, chapter 1. Paul will write, **"I as I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy."**

### **Point #4: We need to remember to be genuine**

Now, again, as I said earlier, I think Paul could have totally given a resume of all the things that he has been doing: going around and preaching the good news, and he could have said, "Hey, I baptized this many people, or this many people came to faith," or "Man, look at this church, it's growing over here, look at that, that's so amazing!" Yet, he doesn't do that. He not only is praying for Timothy here, and those within his sphere of influence, he's just simply being genuine with him, and I think so many times, when it comes to interacting with other people, we're just simply not genuine! We're not real. We want to put on this face: "look at what I'm doing, man, look at what I'm accomplishing at work, look at all this money that I'm making, look at all these cool things, look at what this other person thinks of me," and yet are we just simply genuine with the people around us?

### **Point #4 Support**

Parents, can I just say this for just a moment? I think some of the biggest words, and most important words, that you can say to your children are, "I'm sorry... I was wrong... I'm sorry... I made a mistake... I'm sorry, will you forgive me?" You, man, when you are real with your kids, if you simply go to them and just simply say that, man... it can make a world of a difference. Paul will say, "The aim of our charge this:" it's in his first letter to Timothy here, he says, "the aim of our charge is love"--look at this—"that issues from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith."

The book of Romans will say, **"Let love be genuine, abore what is evil, hold fast to what is good."** The book of 1 Peter says, **"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth, for"--look at this—"sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly, from a pure heart."** What is he saying? Be real with one another. It's okay to admit mistakes. It's okay to admit you're not perfect. We all know that you're not. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that we've all fallen short, we've all sinned. We're all not perfect and we need to confess our sins to one another as James chapter 5 will say, and in first John it'll say, **"Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but indeed, in truth." Again, not just to say, "Oh, hey, love you, cool."** But to be real. To say, hey, I'm here for you.

Romans 12:2 will say, **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed, by the renewal of your mind."** It takes work to do this. The world says, *"Be perfect, don't tell people your mistakes, don't apologize for anything,"* and yet the Bible tells us the opposite: to *"Be transformed by the renewal of our mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God is, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* So be genuine with the people around you especially. Again, I want to encourage you be genuine with those who are closest to you. It can be so difficult to be genuine with those within your own household: your kids, your spouse, your other family members... it could be so difficult to just be genuine with them, but be real be real with those people around you, it'll help.

## **2 Timothy 1:5**

Let's go back to Second Timothy chapter 1. Paul will say, **"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and now I'm sure dwells in you as well."**

## **Shout out to mothers**

I think it's really interesting, a lot of times we hear men highlighted in Scripture and here's a time where Paul is saying, "Hey, listen it's not the man who passed down his faith to Timothy... it's actually his grandma and his mother." Can I just give a quick shout out to all the moms out there today! You have a huge influence on your kids, a massive influence on your kids, and here in the Bible, this is going to be recorded for all of eternity, here for people to read, look at this, Paul says, "I'm reminded of the faith that was passed down from your mom and your grandma, Tim." These are pretty important ladies.

## **Point #5: We need to remember to have a long-term mindset**

But this doesn't happen just overnight. This isn't just something where, you know, they made a couple good decisions, they had a couple good conversations with Tim, and they said, "Oh little Timmy you know Jesus loves you. We're going to sing the song with you before bed and that's it," right? That's not what's going on here. This is a long-term play. This is decades in the making. This is a grandmother who passed her faith down to Tim's mom, who then passed her faith down to Timothy himself. This is a huge thing, and Paul even recognizes this, which tells me this: it's not just something that was private within their own home... this is something that man, they made public. They said, "I love Jesus and I'm going to try and raise up my kids in a way that would honor God the best way that I possibly can." But listen, that is not an easy process and it's not a short process. It's really easy for me to just say that, you know, during a sermon, talking about God's Word, "*Hey, you know, just do that it's really easy.*" Listen, I get it. It's not and I don't want to paint that picture for you. That's not true, it's really, really hard. So what does this teach us? I think it teaches us that we need to have a long-term mindset. That passing down our faith, it's decades and decades, it's generations in the making. This is not a one-and-done type of thing. This is not, "*Well you know, I bought a devotional book and I went through it with my kids, and well, yeah, that's uh that's, that's good enough. That'll be great, that'll be enough, and uh we'll move on from there, right?*" No, no, no, no, no! This is something that, day-in and day-out I'm genuine with my kids and I'm saying, "Hey, this is what it looks like to follow Jesus."

#### **Point #5 Support**

It's a mindset shift as well. In The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will say this, Matthew chapter 6, he'll say, "**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor or rust destroy, or where thieves break in and steal.**" It's a mindset shift to say, "I'm putting all that I have into God's kingdom." Why? Because I know at the end of the day, even the newest, most amazing Jeep Gladiator is going to be in the landfill just decades from now, right? It pains me to think about that, but it's true, and Jesus, he's saying, "Hey, listen, I want you to focus not on the things here on this earth, not on the comforts, not on what you want to see... but on My Kingdom, on the things that are in Heaven. What goes to heaven? Only us, right? Like it's only us and that's why we're to say, "Hey I want to see that faith in other people, as well! I want to help other people, just as Paul is helping Timothy!"

Hebrews chapter 13 will tell us to, "**Keep our life free from the love of money and be content with what you have, for he said, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you.'**" Again, it's the type of thing where we're saying, "Hey, I'm not focused on the earthly stuff, I'm focused on the treasures I'm laying up in heaven. The Book of Proverbs will say, "**The plans of the diligent will lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only into poverty.**" It's a long-term mindset that we need to have, and if we have this long-term mindset, I just want to encourage you, because it could be really difficult to think about: "Man I'm going to put in all this hard work and effort and it's going to take a really long time, and that's really hard," I want to just encourage you by reading this: Ephesians 3:20, "**Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask, or think, according to the power at work within us.**" Think about that. God is able to do far more abundantly than you could ask or think for. Think about that just for a moment. What legacy will you have? What are you passing on to your kids? What

are the habits that you're teaching them? What are the things that you're teaching them to be involved with? Are you teaching them that dad goes off the handle? *"Don't bother dad at, you know, before 9:00 a.m., because, man, he needs his morning cup of coffee,"* or *"Don't make him mad by saying this,"* or are you passing down a legacy of faith? Are you teaching them that dad cares more about the NFL and MLB than they care about those type of things? Listen we need to say, "Hey, this is important! This is really important! My kids' faith is important, and I'm going to press in! I'm going to have this long-term mindset, and I know that God can take that and create this amazing legacy of faith. So have that long-term mindset about it.

## **2 Timothy 1:6**

Go back to 2 Timothy. I just want to point out a couple more things before I run out of time here. It says, in 2 Timothy 1:6 simply this, **"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."** So Paul at some point has prayed for Timothy. He put his hand on his shoulder and said, "Tim let me pray for you," and he's saying "Hey I want you to fan this in to flame, I want you to fuel the fire with which God has given you of your faith."

## **Point #6: We need to remember to help others with their God-given callings**

We need, not only to have a long-term mindset, but also to help others with their God-given callings, to say, "Hey I want to walk alongside you, and I want to help you to be as faithful as I possibly can." And this again, is a mindset shift. It's difficult!

## **Point #6 Support**

Philippians chapter 2 will say, **"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."** Hebrews chapter 13 says to, **"Not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."** Galatians chapter 6 will say to, **"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."** We are to help other people to be faithful, and this is, I think, really a big mindset shift for those of us in our culture today, just because it can be so difficult to be focused on other people and not just ourselves, but to say, "Hey, how can I walk alongside you? How can I help you be faithful? How can I pray for you? How can I teach you what I've been taught? How can you learn from my mistakes, so you don't have to make the same mistakes that I made?"

In Luke chapter 6, Jesus will say, **"Give and it'll be given to you good measure pressed down shaken together running over."** When I was in middle school I took a home ec class and the teacher taught us how to measure, like flour and sugar and those things, and she said everything but brown sugar, you need to scoop up, and you need to take like a butter knife and just scrape it across the side here now, don't push it down. The tendency and, you know, you want to do it the easy way, right? Just push out, push down the flour, push down the sugar, but that compacts it and it gives you more than you need for the recipe that you're baking with, and yet, Jesus He says this in Luke chapter 6, **"Give and it'll be given to you pressed down shaken together running over will be put into your lap for with the measure you use, it'll be measured back to you."** I don't know about you but I need God to walk alongside me, and I



need all the help that I could possibly get, to serve Him the best way that I possibly can, and we need to do that for other people as well. So, help others with their God-given callings.

### **1 Timothy 1:7**

One more thing I want to point out about this passage of scripture, chapter 1 verse 7, it says: **“God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, and of love, and of self-control.”** God didn't give you a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of self-control.

### **Point #7: We need to remember to model a spirit of power, love, and self-control**

How can you model those same things? We need to remember to model power, love, and self-control. When there's a crazy world out there, who's doing crazy things, and people are all upset about the economy, and finances, and politics, and all sorts of crazy things, and the news is telling you to do this, and other people are telling you to freak out because of this... the Bible tells us to model a spirit of power, and of love, and of self-control. To say, “Hey, God's got all of it taken care of.” You don't have to worry. God's got this. God's, got it all taken care of, and you get a relationship with Him. That's it, and so we can have that type of peace.

1 John chapter 4 says, **“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, for fear has to do with punishment, but whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”** You get to be perfected in love in your relationship with Jesus, and it casts out all fear. Jesus will say this in John chapter 14: **“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”** The world says, *“You need peace with a certain number in your bank account, in a certain size house, and a certain car in your driveway, and to wear certain clothes, to be able to take certain trips,”* and God says, “No, no, no, no, I give you peace that's way better than that! I give you a peace that's so much better than the world can give.

In Luke chapter 10, Jesus will tell us this, **“Behold I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”** That should give us a certain level of peace in our lives, which should allow us to be reasonable people. Philippians chapter 4 tells us to let our reasonableness be known to everyone, the Lord is at hand. You know, more and more as things get crazier and crazier out there, I think that being a reasonable person is like being a superhero. If you have a reasonableness about you, you have a superpower in today's age! The Bible says that we are to let our reasonableness be known to everyone that, we should be rational, reasonable people. Why? Because we understand the world doesn't need to operate in a certain way, and that's how we get our peace. We know that we get our peace from the God of the universe, who created everything by just speaking it into existence.

Romans chapter 8 says, **“For you did not receive the spirit of Slavery to fall back into fear, but you’ve receive the spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry ABBA, Father.”** Again, God wants you a part of his family, like we talked about last time, so let me ask you this as we close: who's

God calling you to be a part of your family? Who is he calling you to be real with, and genuine, and have a long-term mindset to help them, and walk alongside them in their calling, so that they can be faithful to build up God's kingdom, and model a spirit of power and of love and of self-control?

### **Ending**

I closed the last message by just simply saying this: be prayerful. Be prayerful and ask God who He would like for you to invite into your life. Maybe that means becoming a foster parent. Maybe that means adopting a child. Maybe that means reaching out to the kid who lives across the street who doesn't have a good, Godly influence in his or her life. For each one of us, it'll be someone different, but all my ask is from you, again, is to be prayerful.

### **Closing Prayer**

Let me pray for you. Jesus we thank you so much that you are a good God who wants a relationship with us, and as I prayed earlier, I pray that we wouldn't just hear these things and it would go in one ear and out the other, but as it says in Your Word, that we would be doers of Your Word, not just hearers. Help us to be doers. Help us to go out, to look at other people in the same way that You look at them, and to take them under our wing to show them how to love You the best way that they possibly can. Jesus, I pray that You would put people in our lives and that, Holy Spirit, You would guide us, and You would give us Your wisdom to know how to best reach out to them and how to best show them who You are. Thank you for everything you've done for us. Thank you for dying on the cross on our behalf, Jesus, and it's in your precious, life-changing name we pray, amen.