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Faithing the Future with Conviction

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Today's Scripture: II Timothy 1:8-12

- "There is nothing worth living for unless it is worth dying for" - Elizabeth Elliot
- What are the deepest convictions that you hold this morning?
- What are the things that are so vital to you that you would suffer or even die before you would abandon them

GOD CARES ABOUT ME AND HE KNOWS MY NAME

- Jesus declared that "God so loved the world"
- God cares
- God's love is not a general thing, it is a personal thing
- *I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." II Timothy 1:12*
- Paul had an unshakable conviction that God cared for him and was actively guiding his life
- To be a Christian is to be in a personal relationship with the Lord
 - He took the initiative
 - He has called your name
 - He allows you to walk with Him in a dynamic relationship
 - He plans for you to live with Him forever in Heaven

GOD TELLS THE TRUTH AND YOU CAN TRUST WHAT HE HAS SAID

- What do you believe about the Bible?
- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16
- When does believing the Bible become a conviction?
 - When you are in an obedient relationship with the Word
 - When you turn to it constantly for strength and direction

- When you understand that you are not examining the Bible; the Bible is examining you

JESUS IS GOD'S SON, AND HE IS YOUR ONLY HOPE

- Jesus Christ, Son of God, came to save us from everlasting condemnation and grant us eternal life
 - He became one of us, fully God and fully man
 - He was crucified
 - He was absolutely dead for three days
 - He rose from the grave, and destroyed the power of death, Hell and the grave
 - He ascended to the Father
 - He has opened the door to eternal life for all who believe trust Him as Savior and Lord.
- If any one of those statements is not true, then Jesus of Nazareth is useless to you
- I believe what Jesus revealed about Himself
 - That He was exactly who He claimed to be, *"the only begotten Son of God."* John 3:16
 - That He was telling the truth when He said *"If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."* John 14:9
 - That He was not exaggerating when He said *"I and my Father are one."* John 10:30
 - I believe Him when He described Himself as the Savior; *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Luke 19:10
 - Jesus Christ is our hope, our only hope
- *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father except by Me."* John 14:6

JESUS EXPECTS ME TO OBEY HIM

- Jesus taught us that real faith is not revealed by lip service; it is revealed by life service
- Unless you obey the Lord, the Holy Spirit will convict you to get your life right with God
- "Follow Me!"