



**Community Group Study: The Power of a Nobody**  
2 Timothy 1:1-7 | week of September 8

**GETTING STARTED**

- If, on your deathbed, you were to write a final letter to a dear friend or spouse, what would be some of the themes you would address in that letter?
- How do you expect Paul's final letter to Timothy (2 Timothy) to be similar to your final letter? Dissimilar?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7.**

**DISCUSS & APPLY**

- When Paul sets aside time to pray for Timothy, what things come to his mind (1:3-5)?
- Paul is about to give Timothy a challenge (1:6-7). But first, he encourages him. What specific realities does he point to in order to encourage Timothy?
  - 1:2
  - 1:3-4
  - 1:5
  - 1:6-7

- What “gift” does Paul mention in 1:6? See 1 Timothy 4:13-14 for help. What does the picture of fanning a flame tell us about Timothy’s gift, and what he needed to do?
- What assignment for the Kingdom has God laid on your heart? How has he equipped you to fulfill it?
- What aspect of your assignment from God makes you nervous or anxious? Which of God’s promises address this particular fear?

- Consider Oswald Chambers’ statement:

*God can achieve his purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or the abandonment of reliance on them. All through human history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced their dependence on their natural abilities and resources.*

- In what ways do you see “unusual dependence” upon God in your life?
- In what ways do you need to renounce your dependence on your “natural abilities and resources”?

**NEXT STEPS**

- Write a prayer to the Lord confessing the ways in which you naturally and normally drift toward self-reliance and away from dependence upon his power.

**FOR NEXT TIME**

- 2 Timothy 1:1-7.