God Has Given Us
2 Timothy 1:3-10

Introduction:

A. Paul wrote to encourage Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:1-7

1. He encouraged him to use his gift.

2. He warned him against fear.

B. If Timothy could be afraid, how can I deal with my fear?

1. NOT THE SPIRIT OF FEAR.
	1. Does not use *fear* in a good sense here. Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew10:28; Hebrews 12:28,29
	2. Is it stage fright?

The human brain’s the grandest thing

That man could ever seek.

It functions from the time he’s born

‘Till he gets up to speak.

* 1. Here it is the spirit of a coward.
		1. Related to little faith. Matthew 8:26
		2. Sin causes this condition. Proverbs 28:1
		3. It is contagious. Deuteronomy 20:8
		4. It will condemn. Revelation 21:8
	2. Trust in God overcomes this fear. Proverbs 28:1; Hebrew 13:5,6
	3. How do I know what controls me?
	4. What I do! Galatians 1:10
1. BUT OF POWER.
	1. Ability. Matthew 25:15
		1. He gives opportunity according to ability.
		2. Opportunities and abilities increase when we use what we have. Matthew 25:29; 2 Corinthians 8:3
	2. God’s word.
		1. Power unto salvation. Romans1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18
		2. Alive and active. Hebrews4:12
2. OF LOVE.
	1. Love of God. Mark 12:30
		1. This love can be seen. 1 John 5:3
		2. Action is evidence. John 14:15,23
	2. Love of men.
		1. Those we are to love.
			1. Husband love wife. Ephesians 5:25
			2. Neighbor. Matthew 22:39
			3. Brethren.
				1. Mark of discipleship. John 13:35
				2. Impossible to please God without it. 1 John 4:20
				3. Expressed in a practical way. 1 John 3:17,18
				4. We can know if we love brethren. 1 John 5:2
			4. Enemy. Matthew 5:44
	3. Without this love, other service is useless. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
3. OF A SOUND MIND.
	1. Self-control, sober minded. Titus 2:6
	2. Have a proper concept of yourself.
		1. Not to think too highly. Romans 12:3
		2. Not to demean ourselves.
			1. In God’s image. Gen.1:27
			2. God loves you. John 3:16
			3. Christ died for you. Hebrews 2:9
			4. If God has forgiven you, accept His gift. Philippians 3:13; Hebrews 12:1;
			5. We can do what God wants. Philippians 4:13
	3. Have proper control of yourself. 1 Corinthians 9:27

Conclusion:

1. God will help us overcome fear.
2. You who need to come – obey, be restored.
3. Have the courage of your convictions; do not be afraid to do God’s will. 2 Timothy 1:7