HEREDITARY FAITH



II TIMOTHY 1:4-5

I. Timothy learned compassion from his mother and his grandmother (II Timothy 1:4).



 What does it say about you, when others recall your tears and your joy?

 What debt do we have to those who blessed our hearts with compassion?

II. Timothy's faith first lived in his grandmother and in his mother (II Timothy 1:5).



 How did the faith of Lois prove to be hereditary?

 How did the faith of Eunice prove to be hereditary?

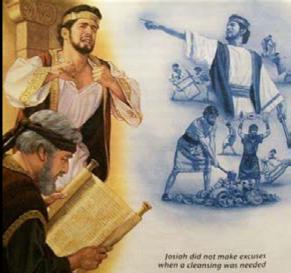
 What debt do we have to those who helped instill their faith in us?

III. Timothy had learned the scriptures since infancy (II Timothy 3:14-15).



 By what means did Eunice and Lois instill faith in Timothy?

 How are we doing at instilling faith in our children and grandchildren? IV. All the records of Israel's good kings with bad fathers, name the mother.



• Why would we know the mothers of Hezekiah and of Josiah? (II Kings 18:2; 22:1)

Why should we be honoring these and other mothers?

 What was the best way that Timothy, Hezekiah and Josiah honored their mothers?

V. Some of the greatest mothering is done by other women (Isaiah 54:1).



 How can women who are childless still rejoice in their children?

 How can we better honor all the women who have mothered us?

Call to Action: To have, share and honor hereditary faith.



- How are you honoring those women who helped you learn true compassion?
- How are you honoring those women who helped you discover and develop true faith?
- How are you honoring those women who helped you learn the word of God?
- How can we better honor those women who have blessed children not their own?

-How can we help?