

## Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sermon Theme: “What Are You Most Proud Of?”

Primary Text(s): 2 Timothy 1:3-14.

1. *Talk about an experience from your adolescence that filled you with healthy pride. What made this experience or occasion special?*
2. Pastor Prince mentioned that people tend to be willing to share openly about what they are proud of. *Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Elaborate on your rationale for your position.*
3. Most believers in Jesus are likely to agree that among all sources of healthy pride in our lives—our relationships, accomplishments, involvements, and successes—nothing should fill us with pride like our relationship with Jesus. However, being proud of Jesus does not always make us eager to talk about Him with the same passion and consistency as we do with other sources of pride in our lives. *Why do you think this is?*
4. **Read 2 Timothy 1:3-14.**
5. 2 Timothy is believed to have been written in A.D. 64-65. At that time, being a believer in Jesus not only attracted almost universal criticism but also often led to persecution, death, and imprisonment, as Paul himself was imprisoned in a Roman cell. With this context, Paul wrote to Timothy, his ministry apprentice, to encourage him to be filled with pride and boldness for Jesus. In his effort to inspire Timothy, Paul provided reasons for Timothy and believers in every generation to take pride in their faith in Jesus in the passage we studied.
  - a. We Are Genuine
    - i. *Talk about what helps you feel sure about your faith in Jesus.*
  - b. We Are Indwelt (By the Holy Spirit)
    - i. Paul says that the Spirit gives us power, love, and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7). *In what ways do these qualities make a difference when we step out to share Jesus with others—and how have you experienced one of them shaping your courage or approach?*
  - c. We Are Aware
    - i. “How does being aware of Jesus’ victory give us strength and perspective when we face hardship or pushback for sharing the Gospel?”
6. Scriptural Reference: Matthew 26:69-75 and John 21:15-25.

- a. Just as Jesus showed grace to Peter after his denial, *how does His grace free us from the weight of our past hesitations in sharing Him—and how can that same grace encourage us to step forward with renewed boldness today?*