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## Embracing God's Promise of Life: thru Timothy-like Faith

### 1. Heed the Apostolic Word

- **written by Paul:** an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God
  
- **written as a biblical farewell address:** proclaiming the promise of life (under the impending shadow of death)
  
- **written as a pastoral epistle to Timothy:** his beloved child (in the faith)

### 2. Heed Paul's Introductory Exhortation

- **Take Paul's godly example to heart:** thankfulness, remembering, prayer & fellowship
  
- **Be inspired by Timothy's sincere faith:** amidst our own weaknesses while being mindful of those who've discipled us
  
- **Fan into flame the gift of God:** embracing the spirit of power, love & self-control