**WOMEN OF FAITH**

**II Timothy 1:5-6**

[**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-1-5/) **When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.** [**6**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-1-6/) **Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.**

**INTRO:**

**1. Notice this about Women of Faith . . .**

 **A. They Have Saving Faith**

**\*\*They have put their trust in the Lord’s Goodness, the Lord’s Greatness, and the Lord’s Grace!**

 **B. They Have Solid Faith**

**\*\*It is solid because it is built upon the Rock and the Redeemer of their faith.**

 **C. They Have Seen Faith**

**\*\*Their faith is easily seen by their Family, their Friends, and by their Foes.**

 **D. They Have Strong Faith**

**\*\*They are Sound in their faith and Stubborn in their faith.**

**2. Notice this about Women of Faith . . .**

 **A. Notice Her Sacrifices**

 **\* She gives her Time**

 **\* She gives her Talents**

 **B. Notice Her Service**

 **\* She Labors**

 **\* She Loves**

 **C. Notice Her Speech**

 **\* She Guides with Her Speech**

**(With Firm Concerns and Faithful Compassion)**

 **\*She’s Gentle with Her Speech**

 **D. Notice Her Selflessness**

 **\* She Watches**

**(She watches for the Needs and for the Navigation)**

 **\* She Works**

**(She works for her Children, her Companion, her Church.)**

 **E. Notice Her Secret**

 **\* She is Devoted to Christ.**

 **\* She is Dedicated to Christianity.**

**\*\*Paul gave Timothy a very high compliment when he said that he saw in Timothy the same “unfeigned” (or non-hypocritical) faith that he had seen in his grandmother Lois, and his mother Eunice.**

**\*\*I still believe that if we would have more women who had that non-hypocritical faith that Lois and Eunice had, we would see more men on fire for God and more Women of Faith!**

**\*\*Let’s look at some Women of Faith in the Bible**

**I. LOOK AT THE PRAYING WOMAN OF FAITH**

**I Samuel 1:9-11, 13, 18 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh . . 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life . . . 13  Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: 18 . . . So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.**

1. **The Problem**
2. **It’s An Obvious Problem**
3. **She’s Childless**

**b. She’s Crushed (She “wept sore.” V-10)**

1. **It’s An Overwhelming Problem**

 **a. She was Harsh (v-10 bitterness of soul)**

**b. She was Heartbroken (v-11 afflicted)**

1. **The Prayer**
2. **She Made A Plea in her Prayer**

 **a. She prayed silently.**

**\*\*Her lips moved but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk. V-13**

 **b. She petitioned soulfully.**

**\*\* She spoke from her heart. V-13**

1. **She Made A Promise in her Prayer**

**(She promised her Samuel to her Savior! V-11)**

1. **The Promises**
2. **The Messiah Kept His Promise.**
3. **The Mother Kept Her Promise.**
4. **The Payment**

**1. Sadness is a Past.**

**\*\* She was paid as soon as she finished praying! Her sadness was gone!**

**2. Samuel is a Promise.**

**\*\* She Nursed him and Nurtured him.**

**3. Samuel is a Prophet.**

**\*\* God’s Miracle became God’s Man.**

**\*\*We need more Praying Women of Faith!**

**II. LOOK AT THE PROTECTIVE WOMAN OF FAITH**

**\*\*In Exodus 2: 1-10 you can read about Jochebed, Moses’ mother, who carefully placed him in a basket made of slime, bulrushes, and pitch and sent him down the river just to protect him from Pharaoh’s men who sought to kill the baby boy.**

**\*\* She was a Godly protective mother and a Godly protective woman of faith!**

 **A. Her Credentials**

**\*\* She’s a Good woman, a Godly woman, a Giving woman, a Guiding woman, and a Gospel woman of faith!**

 **B. Her Courage - She had the courage to . . .**

 **1. She Stashed Moses**

**\*\* She hid him for 3 months.**

 **2. She Smuggled Moses**

**\*\* She sent him down the river not knowing if they would kill him.**

 **3. She Served Moses**

**\*\* She must have had to hide her love for her son.**

 **C. Her Confidence**

**\*\* She had faith, and that’s why in Hebrews 11:23 she is named in God’s Hall of Faith.**

**\*\* She had Confidence in . . .**

 **1. God’s Help**

**\*\*God helped her to hide Moses.**

 **2. God’s Hand**

**\*\* God’s hand was on that little ark, and His hand led Pharaoh’s daughter to the river all at the right time.**

**\*\* By the way, He’ll do the same in your life!**

 **D. Her Charity**

 **1. She Gave Her Self**

**\*\* She poured her life into her son.**

 **2. She Gave Her Son**

**\*\* She gave her son to the Lord so that he would live and so he could save a nation!**

 **E. Her Compensation**

 **1. She was compensated for cradling her son.**

**9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. \*\* God arranged the wages!**

 **2. She was compensated for cultivating her son.**

 **3. She was compensated for covering her son.**

**\*\* We need more Protective Women of Faith who sees the needs and the necessities of their children and even for their church!**

**\*\* Be a Woman of Faith and a Godly mother that protects your babies from the world and the devil in every way you can! Cradle, cultivate, and cover them from these worldly sinful surroundings.**

**III. LOOK AT THE PERSISTANT WOMAN OF FAITH**

**\*\*Let’s look at two Persistent Women of Faith in II Kings 4**

**A. The Suffering Mother**

**\*\* She had a Death and a Debt**

**1. She searched out the Prophet**

**a. She was persistent in her request.**

 **\*\* “Help me,” was her plea**

 **b. She was persistent in her response.**

 **\*\* She followed the directions of Elisha.**

 **2. She searched out the Pots**

**\*\* She went door to door to get the pots because she had a cause!**

 **a. Her cause was Her Sons**

**\*\*To keep them out of slavery.**

**\*\* What are you willing to do to keep your kids out of the slavery of sin and the slavery of Satan?**

 **b. Her cause was Her Self.**

**\*\* To keep herself from more sorrow.**

 **3. She searched out the Paymaster**

**\*\*While there was food on her table and money in her pocket she knew it paid to be a persistent Woman of Faith!**

**B. The Shunammite Mother**

**1. Her Reception**

 **a. She gave God’s Man the Bread.**

 **b. She gave God’s Man the Bed.**

**2. Her Reward**

**a. She was given a Season**

**\*\* A season to receive a son (certain time in life.**

**\*\* A season to rear a son (until he was grown)**

**b. She was given a Son**

 **\*\* A son she cuddled and cherished.**

**3. Her Return**

**\*\* When her grown son died sitting on her knees, she persistently sought . . .**

**a. God’s Man**

**\*\* She went to him and caught him by his feet.**

**b. God’s Methods**

**\*\* She never rejected or refused the methods that God chose to meet her need.**

**4. Her Repayment**

**Notice:**

 **a. The New Life**

**\*\* The son had died in her arms, but now he has come to life in her arms (“Take up thy son.”)**

 **b. The New Love**

**\*\*Don’t you know she loved her Son and her Savior more than she had ever loved them before!**

**\*\* We need more Persistent Women of Faith!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*We are never going to produce more men like Timothy without more Women of Faith like Lois and Eunice that we read about in the Bible!**

**\*\*Oh how we need more Women of Faith!!**

**\*\*I want you to do two things today before you leave today!**

**(And this is something everybody can do if you will!)**

**1. Emulate these Women of Faith!**

 **Make up your mind to come to this altar and decide right now that you will be . . .**

 **a. A Prayerful Person**

 **b. A Protective Person**

**\*\* I’ll protect my children and my church from the world, from sin, and from the devil!**

 **c. A Persistent Person**

**\*\* I’ll seek the Lord for my kids and grandkids that they may be saved and serve the Lord.**

**2. Embrace the Women of Faith!**

**\*\* Go to a Woman of Faith in this church and show them what they mean to you by . . .**

 **a. Giving them your heart – Tell them how you feel about them.**

 **b. Giving them a hug – Show them how you feel about them.**