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I believe that it has never been more important and maybe more difficult to be rooted than it is today.

So much change is happening in the world, and it can shake us to our core. Change destabilizes us. It makes us wonder what's going to happen next.

The rate of change is accelerating, too. For example, when once air travel was only a dream, we now take it for granted. Just in my lifetime, 90 new countries have been established, and the world's population has doubled. Today, more cell phones exist than people, and there are more displaced people than at any other time in history.

With so much change going on around us, we can easily feel untethered. That's why right now is the right time to bring you this series called *Rooted: Growing Strong by Going Deep*.

Being rooted means to have a deep, stable, and foundational connection with God, especially through faith in Jesus Christ.

In this series, we will be learning about Timothy, a faithful young man who became one of the apostle Paul's most trusted and helpful partners in ministry.

With Paul as his mentor, Timothy models for us the importance of being rooted in Christ. Come along with me as we examine his life and explore the many ways we can become rooted too.



Learning together with you,

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SESSION 1

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Step into the Story

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Based on the length and depth of Paul and Timothy's relationship, like many people, I assumed it was Paul who first told Timothy about the good news of Jesus. But I was wrong.

Acts 16:1

¹ Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek.

Timothy became a _____ of Jesus before he met Paul.

A disciple is not just a convert. It means to be rooted, a loyal follower, a friend of Jesus Christ.

Acts 16:2

² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

Timothy had matured and is well _____ by other believers.

2 Timothy 1:5

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Timothy's faith was rooted in the faith of his _____ and _____.

He was a third-generation Christ follower.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5



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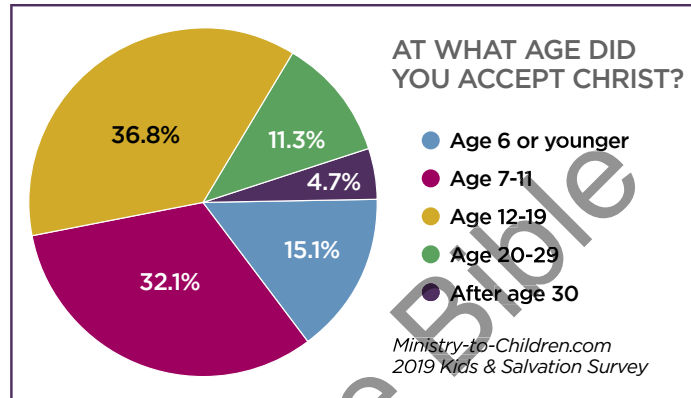
Step into the Story

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD.

Ephesians 6:4

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalms 78:4b



_____ % come to faith before age 12.

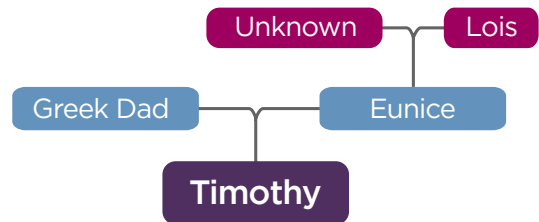
_____ % come to faith before age 20.

Acts 16:1-3

¹ Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek.

² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

TIMOTHY'S FAMILY TREE



Despite his great heritage of faith, Timothy's family was far from _____.

But this did not hold him back. I take great encouragement from this and so should you.

Timothy's father did not share the _____ of his mother and grandmother.

Like each of us, Timothy's family was a mix of _____ and _____.

MAIN IDEA

Our roots go deeper by learning from and prioritizing our families.

Discuss What You've Heard

1. What were the greatest strengths of the home you grew up in?
2. What do you most wish you could change about how you were raised?
3. What two values you inherited do you most want to pass on to the next generation?
4. What one negative pattern do you definitely not want to pass on?
5. What are a few of the blessings you experienced through your family of origin?



For Personal Reflection

1. What does it mean to be rooted in God?

2. Look at the three passages in the **Introduction**. What are some ways to become rooted?

3. Three benefits of rootedness are listed. Do you see any others? What might these benefits look like in your life?

4. Timothy's father did not share his mother's Christian faith. Are you in a similar situation, whether through your parents' marriage or your own? What can you learn from the examples of Lois and Eunice? How can you put those things into practice?

5. If you do not have children of your own, you can still pass along a legacy of faith to others. How might you do that?
