

16/17 May 2023 // 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Intro

Watch (or re-enact!) this 1min video of Team GB in the 4x100m Relay from the 2022 European Championships.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtL9a9u8B5M>

i) Can you relate to the experience of 'dropping the baton'?

ii) Look at v.1. How would you describe your 'grip' on the 'baton' of God's "promise of life that is in Jesus", at the moment?

(eg Holding on firmly? Barely holding on? Not yet taken hold of it for yourself..?)

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Community

1a). In v.2-4, what are the lovely marks of close Christian community and relationship?

(Paul's affection towards Timothy; heartfelt prayer for one another; face to face meeting; joy in shared faith)

1b) How do our CG relationships compare to this, or how could we grow in this together?

(Be practical and specific! Also do book in for the Friendship coming up in June: <https://holytrinityclapham.churchsuite.com/events/mylp1pzf>)

Fire

2a) If we remembered v.6-7, what difference would that make this week? *(The Gift of God is the Spirit, who empowers us to hold on in faith).*

2b) What qualities does the Spirit grow in us in v.7? What would each of those look like in the specifics of life tomorrow?

(Unpack what Spirit-enabled power/love/self-control look like in the ordinariness of everyday)

3. The call here to us all is to "fan into flame" God's work in us - to desire to be spiritually on fire.
- How are we doing on that front...?
- Where do we see that in one another?

(NB Being 'on fire' will look and feel different for us all - but it's defining mark in 2 Timothy is holding on and holding out the gift of life!)

Pray

- For the stirrings afresh to even to desire to desire to be spiritually on fire.
- For our leaders at HTC and across the Church of England
- For deepening community with one another.

Next week: Weds 24 May



All CGs and the church family are gathering (for dinner from 7pm) for the Annual Meeting at 7.30pm.

Do come to hear about, to thank and to pray to God, for His fanning into flame the ministries of HTC!