

KINGDOM IMPACT

“The Response to God’s Kingdom”

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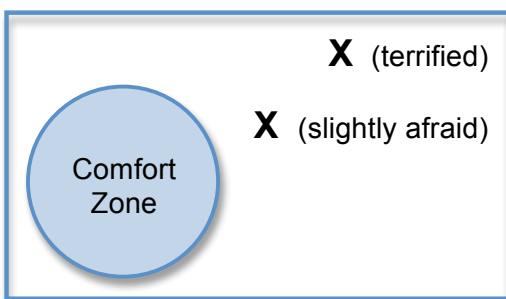
2 Timothy 1:3-12

TIMOTHY’S PROBLEM

Although God had given him a responsibility and a promise, Timothy was **fearful** and did not act upon it with full confidence in the Lord. He stayed in his comfort zone.

THE COMFORT ZONE

Each of us has a comfort zone—a zone of behavior that is familiar and where we feel comfortable and safe. It’s non-threatening, familiar, and routine. We can handle it fine on our own, we can do it with no problem, and we don’t need to trust God for anything.



However, we occasionally face experiences or challenges that are *outside* our comfort zone (the “Xs” in the diagram above). The further the “X” is from the circle, the greater the sense of risk and, consequently, the more afraid we are to participate in that activity.

WHEN I ACT OUT WITH FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

1. I experience **God’s power**
2. I experience the **joy of joining God at his work**
3. I expand my **sphere of influence**

WHY STEP OUT BOLDLY TO EXTEND GOD’S KINGDOM

1. Because spreading the love and the message of Jesus Christ (i.e., the gospel) is **worth the risk** (1:8)
2. Because **I have been saved** by the gospel of Jesus Christ (1:9-10)
3. Because God has **called me to share** his gospel (1:11)
4. Because I’m **not ashamed** of Jesus Christ (1:12)

CENTRAL TRUTH:

When God gives me a responsibility and a promise,
I must respond with full confidence in the Lord.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share an instance when God has called you to do something that was out of your comfort zone. How did you feel? How did you respond?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:3-12? What caused Timothy to be so fearful and timid? In response, what did Paul encourage him to do and why?
3. In what ways can you relate to Timothy’s reluctance to boldly share the gospel? And, how can Paul’s encouragement to Timothy encourage you to act with full confidence in the Lord?
4. Review the “When I Act Out with Full Confidence in the Lord” section. Which of those have you experienced when you’ve stepped out of your comfort zone?
5. Share one insight from this week’s Kingdom Impact devotional that was most personally significant to you. Why was it meaningful for you? How did you respond to God?
6. Look at Guide 5 in the back of the Kingdom Impact devotional. Discuss and share your responses to “Set 3: after participating in a service project.”