



Small Group Leader's Guide

Unwavering Foundation

- I. Unwavering in our **Faith** (2 Timothy 1:1-7)
 - a. Encouragement from a **friend** (2 Timothy 1:1-6)
 - b. Gifts from **God** (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - The Spirit of **Power**
 - The Spirit of **Love**
 - The Spirit of a Sound **Mind**

- II. Unashamed of our **Foundation** (2 Timothy 1:8-11)

Ashamed: *“feeling shame, guilt, or disgrace”*

- a. We have **salvation**. (2 Timothy 1:9)

Salvation: *“deliverance from the power and effects of sin through the person and work of Jesus Christ”*

- b. Jesus was **victorious** over death. (2 Timothy 1:10)
- c. We have a **purpose**. (2 Timothy 1:11)

- III. Paul's Unwavering **Example** (2 Timothy 1:12)

- IV. Paul's **Challenge** to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

Sticky Statement

An unwavering foundation leads to unwavering faith.



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Small Group Discussion Questions

1. **If you have ever built a sandcastle on the beach, what feelings did you have when the waves began to get closer and closer to your castle?** *(The goal of this question is to help the students identify with the feeling of helplessness and frustration of trying to rely on something that is wavering. After the discussion of the sandcastle, follow up with questions about those same feelings in connection with faith. For example: "How can having a wavering foundation of faith cause these types of feelings in our lives?" "Have you ever had those types of feelings in connection with your faith?")*
2. **Why is it important to have an unwavering foundation for your faith?** *(Be sure to have the students discuss initial faith in Jesus, i.e., salvation, but also having confidence in the truths about Jesus Christ for daily living. Without an unwavering foundation for salvation, eternity is not secure. Without an unwavering foundation for daily living, we can be ashamed and live in fear, without direction. If desired, allow a student to share how having an unwavering foundation has solidified their faith in Jesus.)*
3. **What are some ways that you can express your confidence in the unwavering foundation of Jesus Christ?** *(Have the group brainstorm creative ways of showing others that you firmly believe in Jesus Christ and are unashamed of Him. Ask each student to choose one of those ways this week to boldly express their faith in Jesus.)*