***Hand-Me-Down Faith***

2 Timothy 2

*What are my “hand-me-downs”?*

**2 Timothy 2:1-3 (NIV)**   
1  You then, my son, *be strong* in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2  And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 3  *Endure hardship* with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

**Give it straight!** (2 Timothy 2:1-3)

* Hand-me-down process
* This is not easy!

**Get it straight!** (2 Timothy 2:15)

**2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)**   
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

* Is my faith personal? Passionate?
* Will my legacy be *approved*, or will I be *ashamed*?

*Would God approve?*

*Accuracy is fundamental to approval.*

*Two vital signs of accurate Bible interpretation*

*are context and comparison.*

**Keep it Straight!** (2 Timothy 2:14-19)

* Remember!
* Remind!
* Avoid!

**2 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)**   
Rather, we have renounced secret and *shameful ways*; we do not use *deception*, nor do we *distort the word of God*. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**Isaiah 5:20-21 (NIV)**   
20  Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,

who put darkness for light and light for darkness,

who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.   
21  Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes

and clever in their own sight.

**2 Timothy 4:2-3 (NIV)**   
2  Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. 3  For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say *what their itching ears want to hear*.

**1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)**   
15  Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. 16  But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.