

Four Guard Rails for the Future (Part 4)

2018

Our 175th Anniversary
The Year of Jubilee!

Grateful for Our Heritage - Focused on Our Future

“Then we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will thank You forever and ever,
praising Your greatness from generation to generation.”

-Psalm 79:13 NLT

- Is following Jesus easier today or more difficult than it was for your parents, grandparents, and ancestors?

“I remember your genuine faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know the same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to **fan into flames** the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. **So never be ashamed to tell others about the Lord.**”

-2 Timothy 1:5-8

Four Guard Rails for the Future:

1. Be **faithful to the Lord**. (Proverbs 2:8)
2. Be **fervent about the Lord**. (1 Peter 1:22)
3. Be **fearless - trust in the Lord!**
 - a. Don't give **fear control** of your life (Isaiah 35:4; Joshua 7:5)
 - b. Don't give in to **fear this year!** (Joshua 1:9; Psalm 34:4; Psalm 56:3-4)
 - c. Don't give up on keeping these **commitments**. (Joshua 22:5)
 - a. Never change your commitment to the **Word** of God.
 - b. Never change your commitment to **worship** God.
 - c. Never change your commitment to **walk** with God.
 - d. Never change your commitment to the **Will** of God.
 - e. Never change your commitment to your **work** for God.
 - f. Never change your commitment to be a **witness** for Christ. (Acts 1:8)