

“The Story Of Two Mothers”

I. The Story of Eunice.

A. Acts 16:1-5.

- She is mentioned, but not named (**2 Timothy 1:5**).
- She is a godly, Jewish woman and a convert to Christ by Paul.
- The mother of Timothy.
- A wife of a Greek husband— why Timothy was uncircumcised?

B. 2 Timothy 1:1-5.

C. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (16-17).

- The Old Testament Scriptures Developed faith in God in Timothy!
 1. The Creation Genesis (1-2) and Fall (3).
 2. Noah and the Flood Genesis 6-7.
 3. Faithful Abraham and the promises God made to him.
 4. Isaac, Jacob, and the 12 patriarchs.
 5. Moses and the Egyptian Exodus.
 6. Joshua and the wall of Jericho.
 7. David and Goliath.
 8. Solomon and his wisdom.
 9. The Divided Kingdom— Judah and Israel.
 10. Daniel and his three friends in Babylon.
- They Prepared his heart to be a man of God and to preach the gospel .
- They still prepare our young people today!
- That’s the kind of mother Eunice was! A woman of deep faith in God!

II. The Story Of Herodias.

A. Matthew 14:3-12.

- Left her husband Phillip to be with Herod (half brother to Phillip).
- A woman full of hate and vindictive anger toward John the Baptist.
- She was willing to use trickery and manipulation to get what she wanted.
- She even involved her own daughter, Salome, in the scheme to kill John.
- She taught her daughter some wicked lessons:
 1. That lawful Marriage is not sacred and unfaithfulness is not a big deal!
 2. That Hatred, Grudges, and Vindictiveness is how you treat your enemies.
 3. That manipulation, conspiracies, and guile is the way to get your way.
 4. That men can be manipulated by lasciviousness, immodesty, & seduction.
 5. That there is no sacredness in innocent life— John was innocent.

III. The Two Different Outcomes In The Children.

A. Eunice’s Boy: Timothy was a trusted man of Integrity and Faithfulness.

- **Acts 17:13-14; 19:21-22; Philippians 2:19-20.**
- A preacher of the gospel- **2 Timothy 4:1-5.**
- Prepared for the Judgment Day- **1 Timothy 4:13-16.**

B. Herodias’ Girl: Salome lived in palaces and was taught the ways of the world.

- Her lack of training in the Scriptures lead her in the path of the unrighteous.
- She took delight in helping her Mother kill and innocent man.
- Thus, she was unprepared for the Judgment Day.