



What is Mentorship?

- When you hear the words “mentorship”, what words come to mind?

encouragement

support **teaching**

guidance

influence **modeling**

training **equipping**



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Mentorship is
passing on what you've learned or experienced
for someone else's benefit.

Mentorship Examples in the Bible

1. Jethro and Moses (Exodus 18)
2. Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2)
3. Eli and Samuel (1 Samuel 3)
4. Jesus and Disciples (Gospels)
5. Paul and Timothy (1 & 2 Timothy)
6. (and more)

Paul & Timothy



What are some **similarities** between Paul and Timothy?

What are some **differences** between Paul and Timothy?





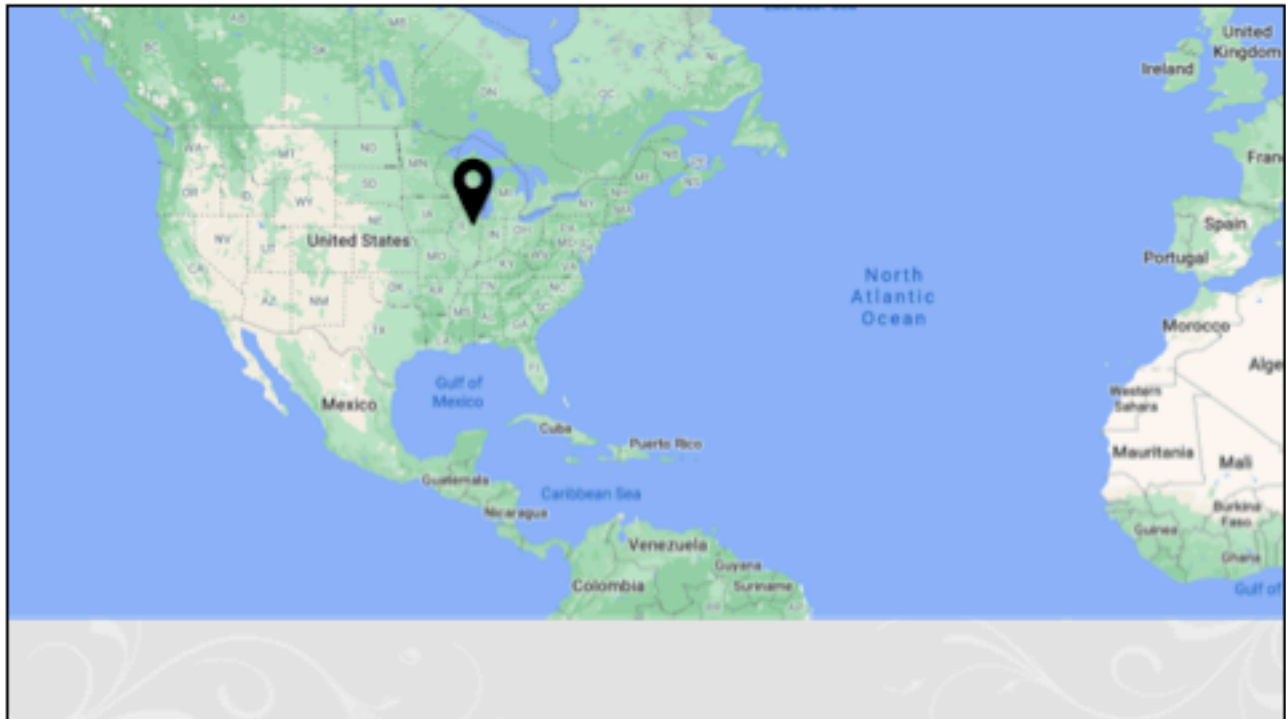
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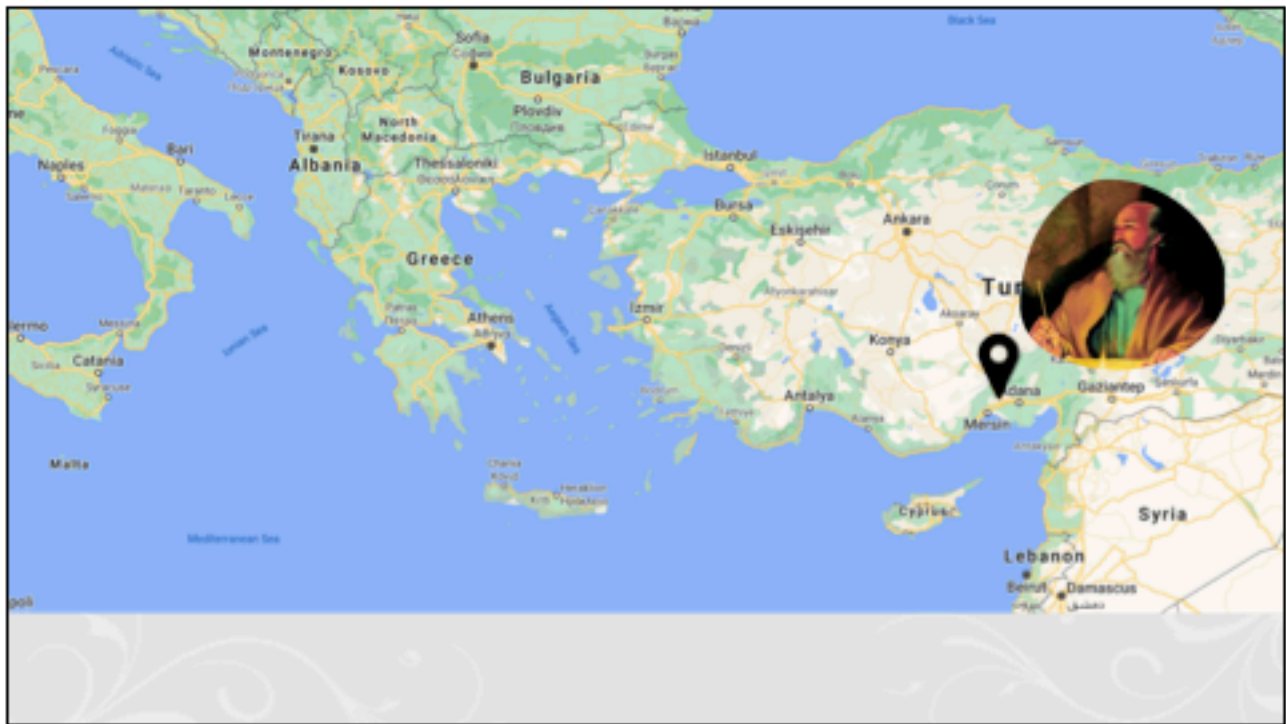
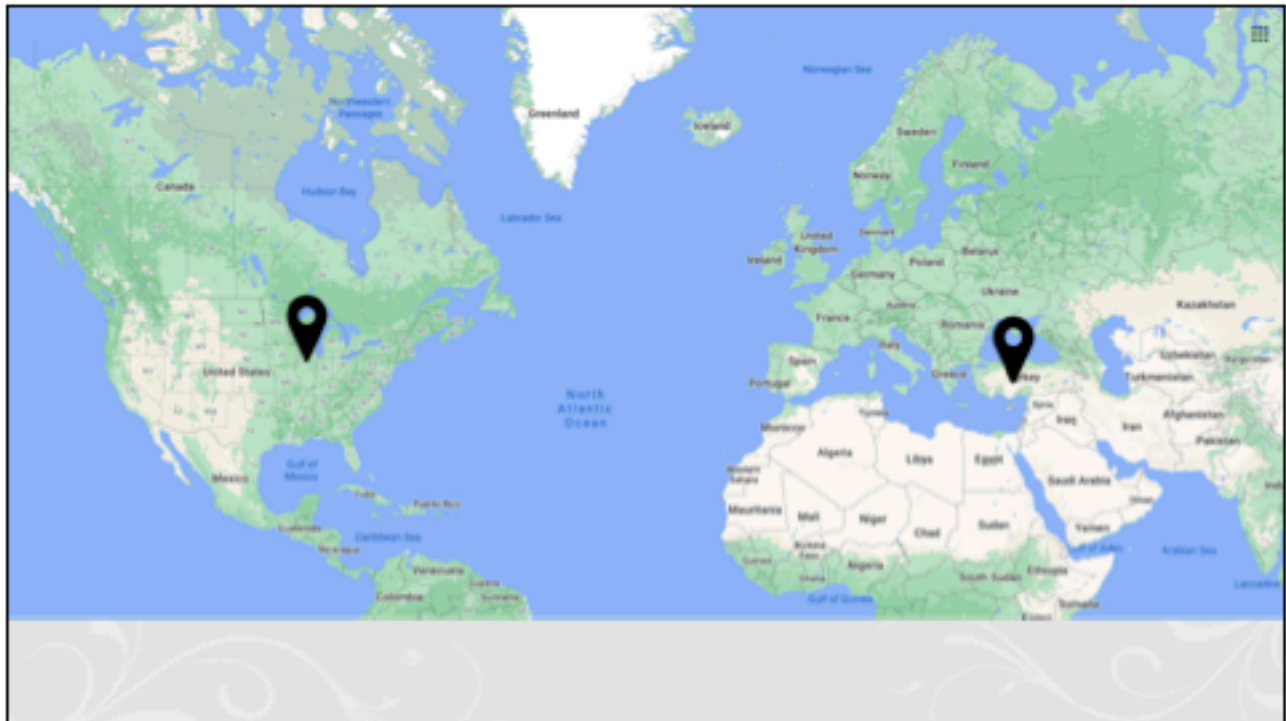
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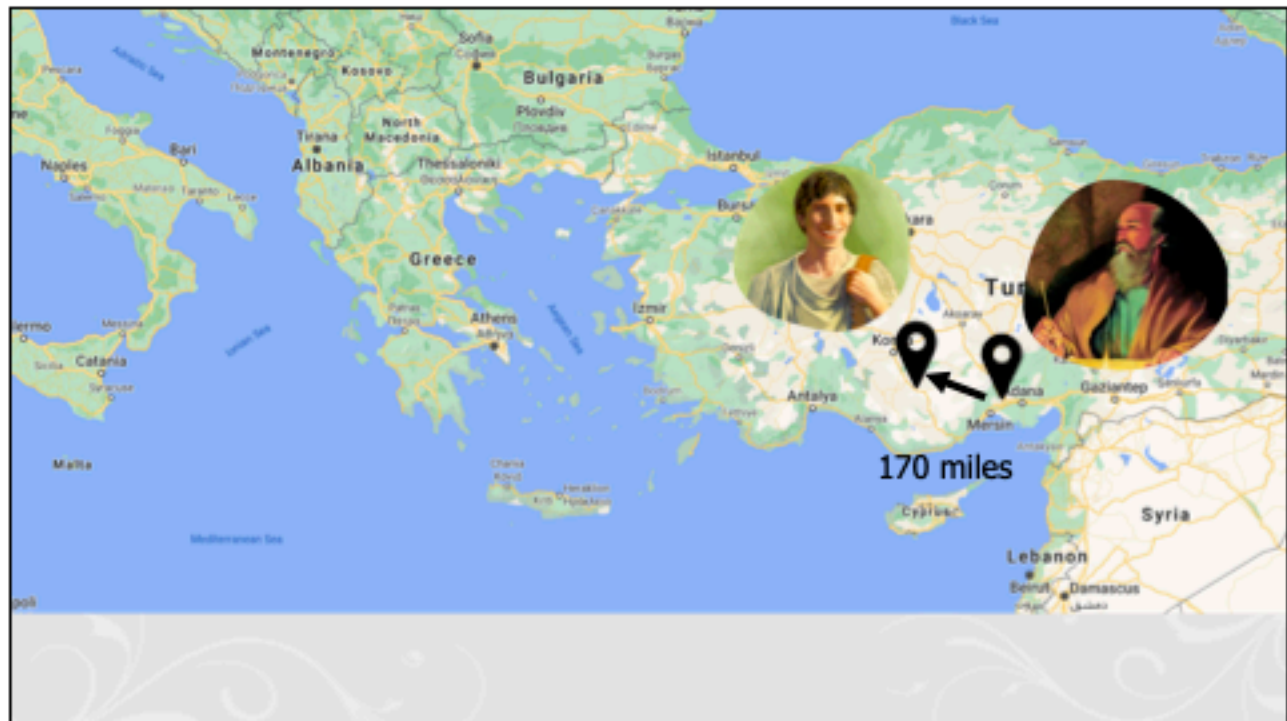


Timothy

- from Lystra







Paul

- from Tarsus
- Jewish (Pharisee)
- feared and hated by Christians
- **chosen by God**
- devout follower of Christ
- master church planter and evangelist
- respected leader



Timothy

- from Lystra
- Greek/Gentile (father)
- Jewish (mother - Eunice)
 - believer mother (Eunice)
 - believer grandmother (Lois)
- trained from a very young age
- respected by local believers

Paul & Timothy Together



- during Paul's 2nd missionary journey (in Lystra – Timothy's home town)
- "Paul went to...Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy... Timothy was well thought of by the believers...so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey." (Acts 16:2-3a)

5 Principles of Mentorship

Principle 1:
Mentorship doesn't have a set formula.

- Mentorship is fluid.
- The constant is passing on of what you have learned.
- A step ahead



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- Paul passed things on to Timothy in different ways.
- Paul is older than Timothy, but that is not a rule.
(1 Tim 4:12)



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Principle 2: Mentorship happens through mentoring moments.

- Mentoring moments do not require a mentoring relationship.
- Mentoring moments can happen at unexpected times.
- Mentoring moments refer to **specific situations or challenges** that a mentee faces right now.

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- 1 Timothy 5:23
"Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses."
- 1st letter to Timothy
- 1 Tim 3:14-15
"Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household..."



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- Jethro & Moses
- Eli & Samuel
- Jesus & Peter
- Paul & his letters



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Principle 3: Mentorship requires authenticity.

- Be yourself!
- Let people into your life.

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- Paul & Timothy loved each other
 - "Timothy, I thank God for you... Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again." (2 Tim 1:3-4)
- Paul was very open with Timothy.
 - "...you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra..." (2 Tim 3:10-11)



Principle 3: Mentorship requires authenticity.

- Jesus let people see him.
 - Jesus weeping & Lazarus' death (John 11)

"When Jesus saw her [Lazarus' sister] weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. **Jesus wept.** Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"(v. 33-46)



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- Jesus let people see him.
 - Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17)

"...Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face **shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.**" (v. 1-2)



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- Jesus let people see him.
 - Jesus' prayer in the garden (Matthew 26)

"Then Jesus...took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became **anguished** and **distressed**. He told them, "**My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death**. Stay here and keep watch with me." He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying..." (v. 37-39)



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Principle 4:
Mentorship benefits from doing life together.

- Best mentorship happens with significant shared time.
- Mentorship happens by exposure.
- You don't know what you don't know.

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- Traveling and ministering together
- Co-writing letters
 - 2 Corinthians
 - Philippians
 - Colossians
 - 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 - Philemon



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Principle 5: Mentorship encapsulates discipleship.

- Mentorship is an umbrella.
- Discipleship is about how to follow Jesus and grow in spiritual maturity.

We forfeit eternal value when we fail to disciple.

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"Here are my instructions...may they help you fight well in the Lord's battles." (1 Tim 1:18)

- **read the Scriptures**
 - 1 Tim 4:13
- **run from evil things, avoid foolish talk**
 - 1 Tim 6:11
 - 2 Tim 3:16, 3:23
- **be strong, endure suffering, don't be ashamed,**
 - 1 Tim 4:12
 - 2 Tim 1:8, 2:1, 2:3, 4:5



Principle 5: Mentorship encapsulates discipleship.

- **train yourself to be godly**
 - 1 Tim 1:19, 4:7-8, 4:12, 4:16, 6:11, 6:12,
 - 2 Tim 4:2
- **cling to your faith, know the truth**
 - 1 Tim 1:19, 4:16, 6:12
 - 2 Tim 1:13-14, 3:14, 4:5
- **warn against false teachers, teach the truth**
 - 1 Tim 4:6-7, 4:11, 4:13, 4:16, 6:2-3
 - 2 Tim 1:13, 2:2, 4:2



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- Jesus and the Disciples
- Paul and the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:1)



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Wrap up / Call to action

- Pass on what you learn:
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
 - Psalm 71:18
 - Deuteronomy 6
- Commit to learning:
 - Proverbs 1:1-6

Q & A

