

### Asking the right question(s) is often better than an answer

- What do I have control over?

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- What can I change?

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- In what direction do I need to move today?

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- What are my options?

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- What are the possibilities?

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Are you willing to do the last thing you want to do?

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**Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.**  
“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

## Operation Pillar of Defense

*“I am writing to Timothy, **my dear son**. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. 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. I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that 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.”*

*2 Timothy 1:2-7 (NLT)*

**What has God not given you? The spirit of fear**

**What has He given you?**\_\_\_\_\_

*“And so we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should **behave** like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, ‘Father, Father.’ For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God's children. And since we are his children, we will **share** his treasures--for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours too. But if we are to **share** his glory, we must also **share** his suffering.”*

*Romans 8:15-17 (TLB)*

## Four Everyday Choices in 2013

### 1. Sleep in-- a failure to take any risks, or accept any responsibility

To avoid sleep in, take some risks

*“Timothy, **my dear son**, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. **Endure** suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.”*

*2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NLT)*

- Sleeping in is marked by passivity

### 2. Cave in-- condition is recognized, but the enormity of it paralyzes

To avoid cave in, you need a courageous enthusiasm

*“Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. **Be an example** to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”*

*1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)*

- Caving in is marked by paralysis

### 3. Tune in-- finds the option and chooses the way; tuning in means tuning out as well

*“Timothy, **guard** what God has **entrusted** to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.”*

*1 Timothy 6:20-21a (NLT)*

- Tuning in is marked by decision making

### 4. Dig in-- is to move forward with the option you have chosen; it says I will deal with any and all circumstances

*“If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up by telling me how you are getting along. I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. But you know how Timothy has **proved himself**. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News.”*

*Philippians 2:19-22 (NLT)*

- Digging in is marked by family and gift ownership