

# SINCERE FAITH

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a Mother, and  
a Son*

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- 2 Timothy was probably written during Paul's second Roman imprisonment
- ask Timothy to join him in Rome
- Paul had longed for Timothy's companionship which was such a joy to him his long ministry, Paul has experienced the betrayal of many friends and colleagues



- remembers fondly of Timothy's sincere (*anypokritou*, "unhypocritical") faith
- attributes to the influence of Lois and Eunice

*Growing Sincere Faith*

**Lois**

**Eunice**

**Timothy**



# Lois the Grandmother



- the mother of Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5)
- Paul alludes to her Christian faith
- Converted during Paul's First missionary journey

# Eunice the Mother



- Timothy's mother, a woman of notable faith (2 Tim. 1:5)
- She was Jewish (Acts 16:1) and pious, for Timothy's biblical instruction had begun early (2 Tim. 3:15)
- her husband was a Gentile and her son uncircumcised (Acts 16:3)

# Eunice the Mother



- Some Latin mss of Acts 16:1, and Origen on Rom. 16:21, call her a widow, and *hypērchen* in Acts 16:3 might support this.
- She lived at Derbe or Lystra





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# How is sincere faith nurtured?



- Teaching the faith
- Living the Faith
- Developing the Faith



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2 Timothy 3:12-15



# Teaching the faith



# How then do we teach our children sincere faith?



Deut. 6: 6-9

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your **hearts**.

7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



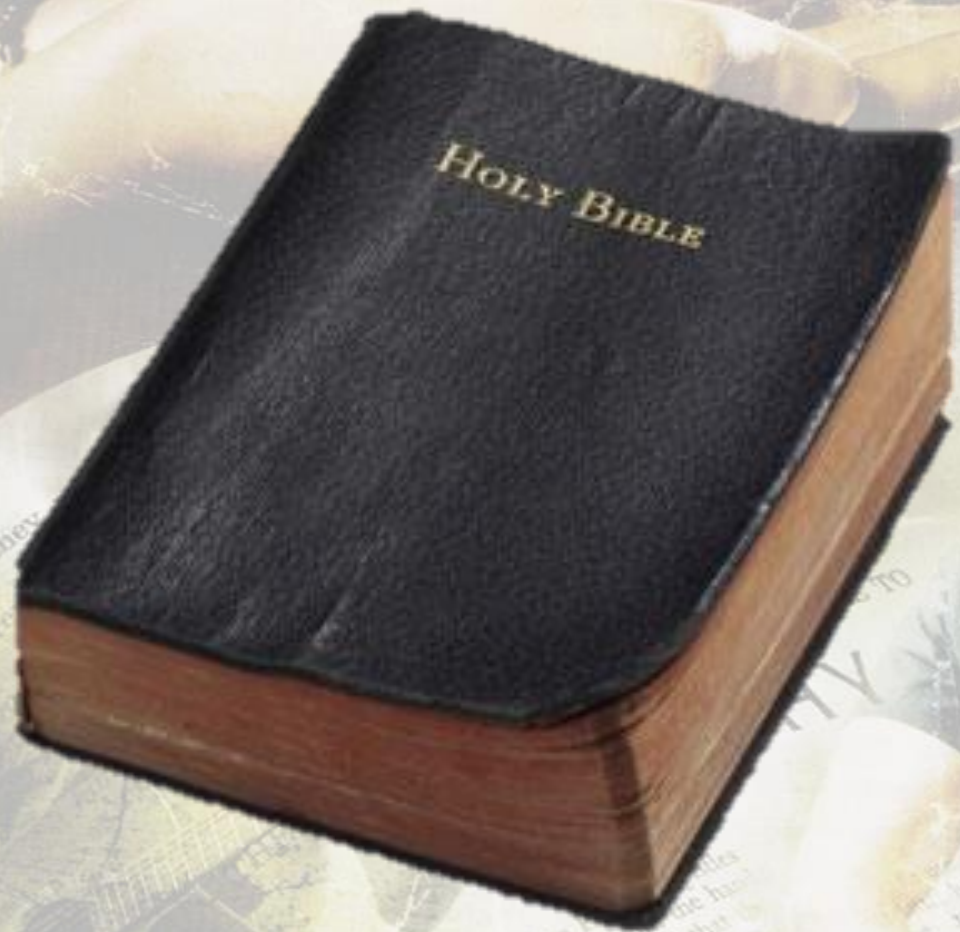
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# Living the faith



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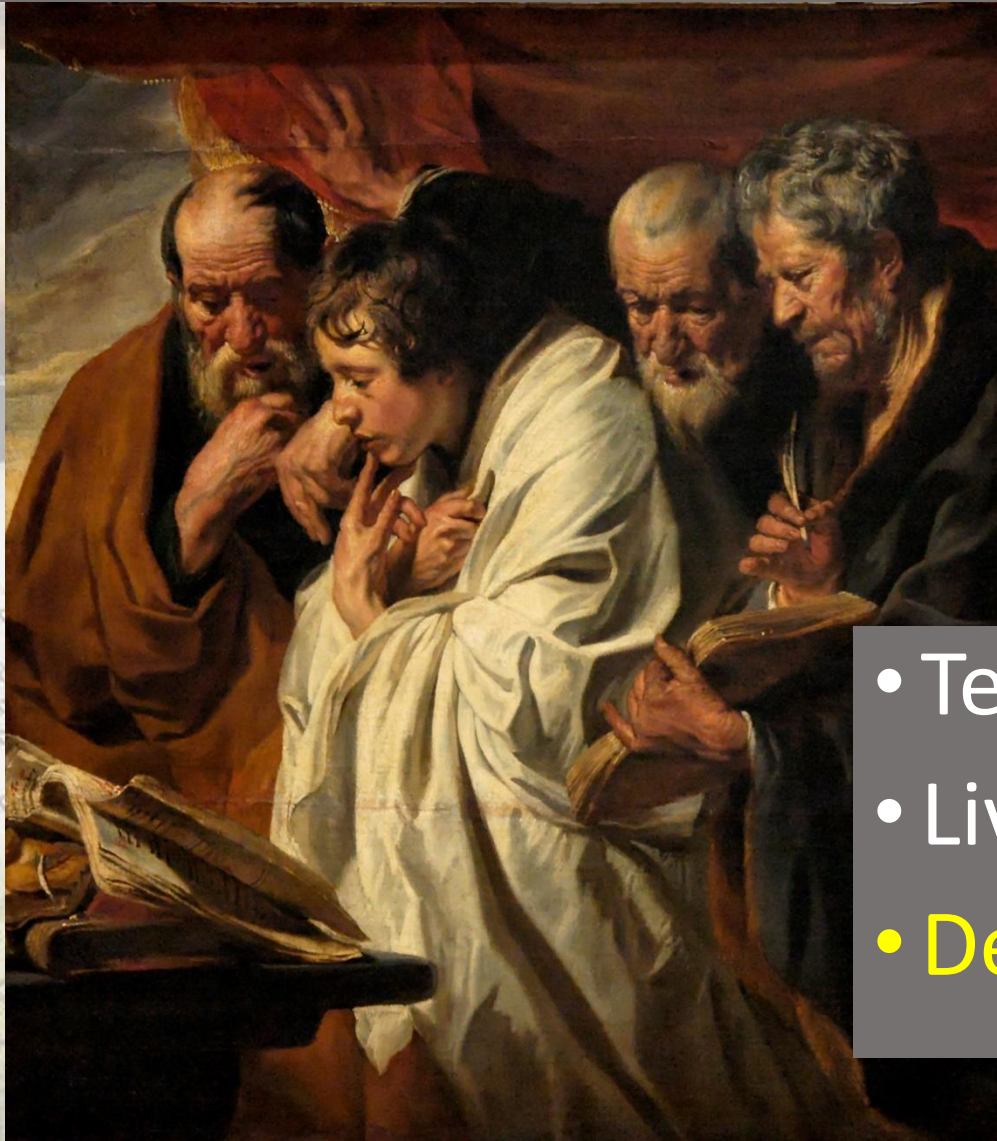
Heart



Timothy, I know your grandmother, and her faith is authentic. It is the same faith I have observed in your mother, and after having watched you all this time I am convinced of your faith also.



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# Timothy

- He was first entrusted with a special commission to Thessalonica to encourage the persecuted Christians. He is associated with Paul and Silvanus in the greetings of both Epistles directed to that church
- was present with Paul during his preaching work at Corinth (2 Cor. 1:19)



Developing the faith

# Timothy



- is next heard of during the apostle's Ephesian ministry, when he was sent with Erastus on another important mission to Macedonia
- whence he was to return to Corinth (1 Cor. 4:17) – not successful

Developing the faith





# Timothy

- accompanied Paul on his next visit to Corinth, for he was with him as a fellow-worker when the *Epistle to the Romans* was written (Rom. 16:21)
- went with Paul on the journey to Jerusalem with the collection (Acts 20:4–5)



Developing the faith

# Timothy

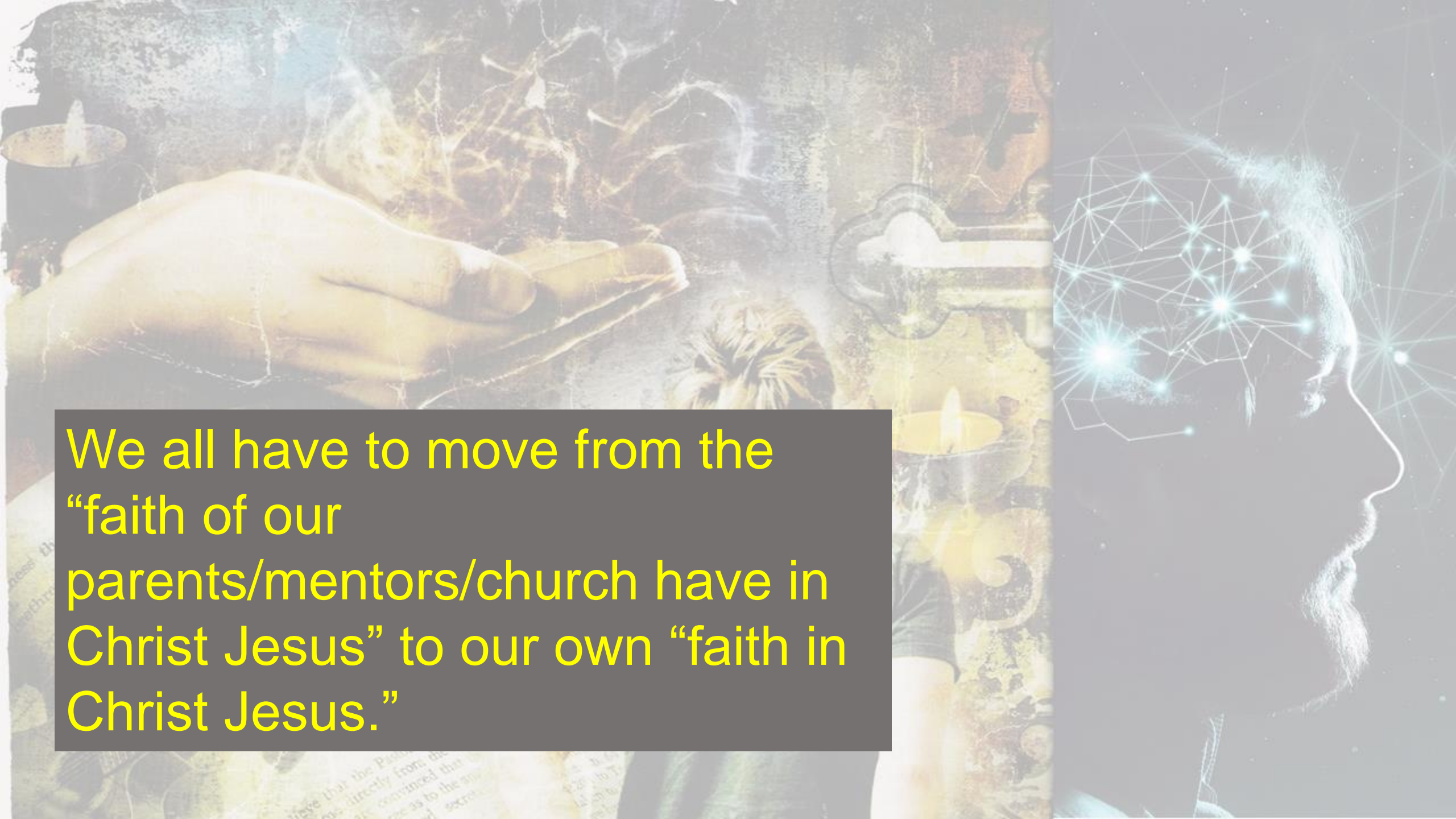
- when Paul, then a prisoner, wrote *Colossians*, *Philemon* and *Philippians*. In the latter Epistle he is warmly commended and Paul intends soon to send him to them in order to ascertain their welfare
- When the apostle was released from his imprisonment Paul left Timothy at Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3)

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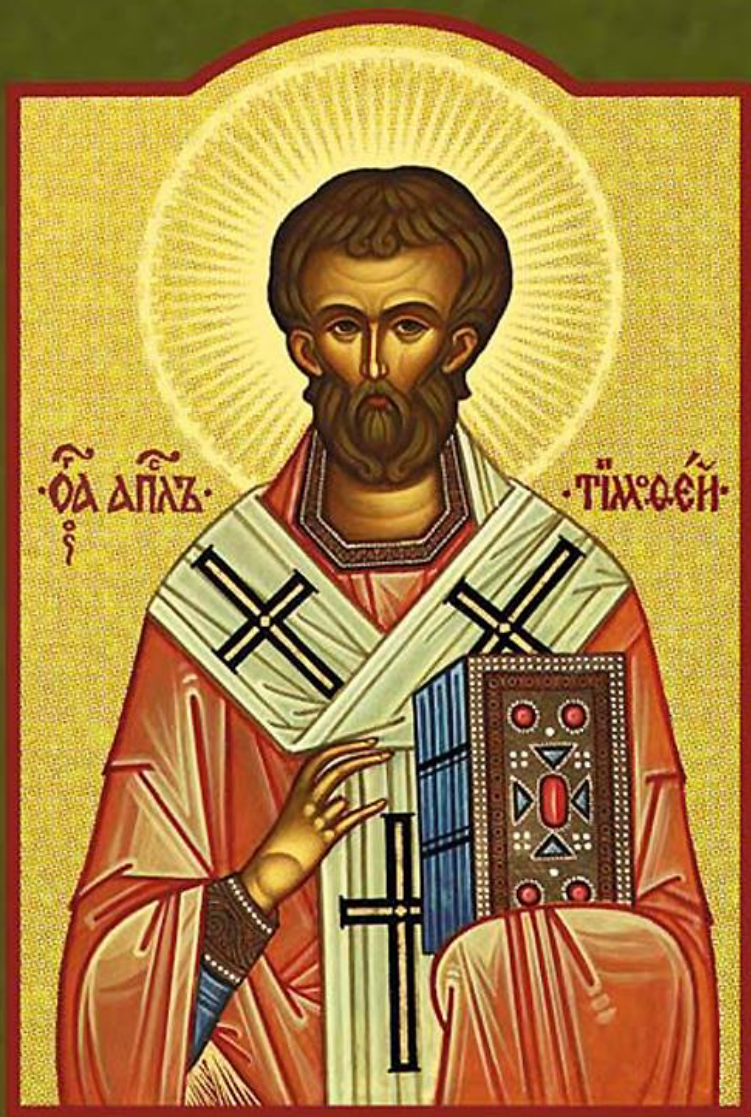


We all have to move from the  
“faith of our  
parents/mentors/church have in  
Christ Jesus” to our own “faith in  
Christ Jesus.”





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Icon of St. Timothy

“Brother” (2 Cor 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Thess 3:2)

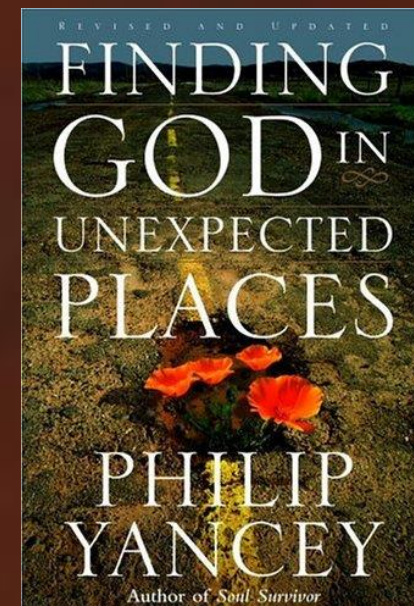
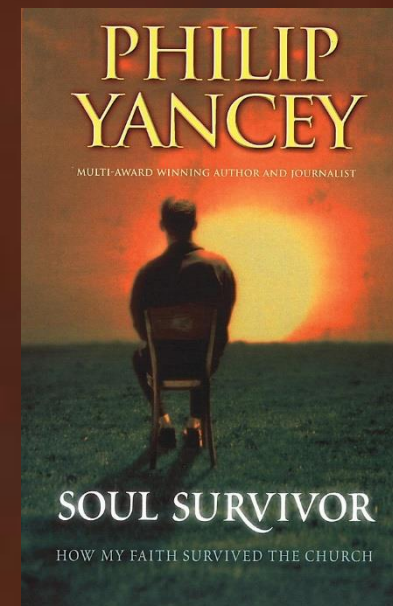
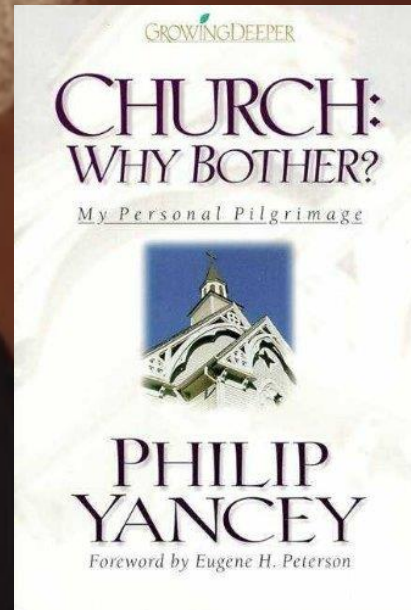
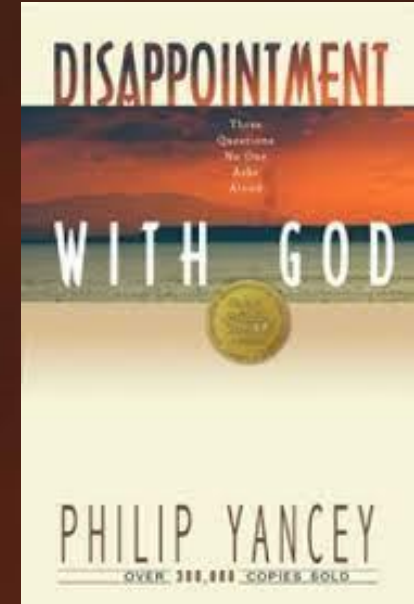
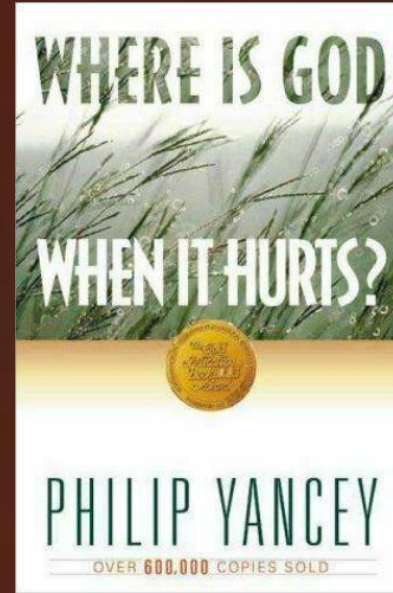
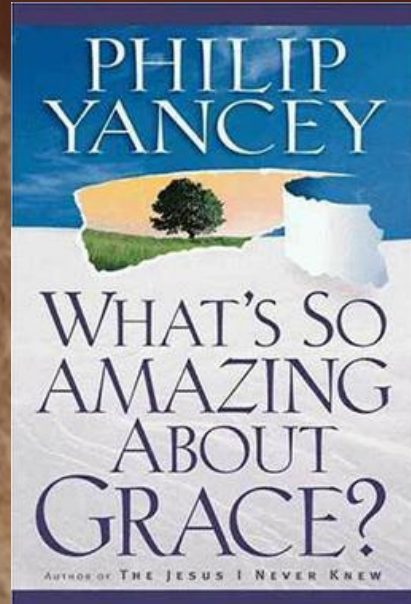
“Fellow worker” (Rom 16:21; 1 Thess 3:2)

“Bond-servant” (Phil 1:1)

“Beloved and faithful child in the Lord” (1 Cor 4:17)

“Son” (1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 1:2)

Coequal in the Lord’s work (1 Cor 16:10; 1 Thess 3:2)





# Where The Light Fell



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- Christian Fundamentalism
- Father's death
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**Sylvania**

**Mildred**

**Philip**

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“Above all else, grace is a gift, one I cannot stop writing about until my story ends.”

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Sincere faith is due to amazing grace





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