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Title : Being An Example, My Priority  
Text : Mark 6:17-28; Matthew 15:21-28; 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15

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## I. A Daughter's Gift to Mom

**Mark 6:17-28<sup>NKJ</sup>** – The Beheading of John the Baptist

- v17 *For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.*
- v18 *Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."*
- v19 *Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;*
- v20 *for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.*
- v21 *Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.*
- v22 *And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."*
- v23 *He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."*
- v24 *So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?"*  
*And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"*
- v25 *Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."*
- v26 *And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.*
- v27 *Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,*
- v28 *brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.*

The mother passed on to her daughter – bitterness, rage and violence.

## II. A Mother's Gift to Her Daughter

**Matthew 15:21-28<sup>NKJ</sup>**

- v21 *Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.*
- v22 *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."*
- v23 *But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."*
- v24 *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*
- v25 *Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*
- v26 *But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*
- v27 *And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."*
- v28 *Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to*

*you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

### **Mother’s Faith**

- 1. Faith Cries Out For Mercy**
- 2. Faith Hopes**
- 3. Faith Crosses Barriers and Perseveres**
- 4. Faith’s Humility**
- 5. Faith Triumphs**

This mother passed on to her daughter not bitterness, vengeance and violence but the **gift of an example of great faith.**

### **CONCLUSION**

Two mothers who lived their lives demonstrating faith in God.

Paul identified the evidence of young Timothy’s genuine faith from his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois.

#### **2 Timothy 1:5-7<sup>NKJ</sup>**

- v5 *when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.*
- v6 *Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*
- v7 *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

#### **2 Timothy 3:14-15<sup>NKJ</sup>**

- v14 *But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,*
- v15 *and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

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- v7 *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

And for all believers let us leave a legacy of genuine faith for all who walk after us... ensuring that the next generation will be greatly blessed.