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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Every Mother's Day I am reminded of the importance and the power of parenting. I would like to share with you a bible passage that refocused me and reminded me to keep the big picture in mind as I parent day by day, and hour by hour.

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:3-7

This bible passage teaches us that Timothy's faith had its roots in his grandmother! Lois, a sincere Christian woman, raised her daughter, Eunice, in the Word of God. She grew up, married, and repeated the process with her son Timothy. Both Lois and Eunice possessed the qualities of sincerity and a strong connection with the Holy Spirit.

When Timothy became the bishop of Ephesus, he had second thoughts about the job. Paul, the apostle, tells him to 'man up'. The way Timothy was to 'man up' was by remembering his mother and grandmother and their faith. Timothy was to live in the same power of God's Spirit that they did.

Parents of Thomas Hassall College, particularly mothers and grandmothers, please note that our

actions hold significant weight. The manner in which we live our lives can create a ripple effect that extends into the future.

Let us show our children the Word of God in the Bible and in our life.

May the Lord bless you as you play your part in fashioning the adults of the future.

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