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Do You Have a Paul and a Timothy in Your Faith Walk?

I remember a statement from years ago that went something like “Imagine what could happen in the church if every seasoned believer was helping just one younger believer grow in the faith!”

That’s exactly what happened with the older Paul and young Pastor Timothy, not to mention Titus and Philemon. Paul wrote letters to all three to offer instruction and church ‘leadership’ training.

A “Paul and Timothy” relationship is nothing more than one believer coming alongside of another believer to help him/her grow in their faith walk.

I can think of times in my own decades old walk when I needed a more seasoned believer (a “Paul”) to teach me (a “Timothy”) something, clarify scripture, or provide Godly wisdom in a situation and just guide me along.

There have been other times when I ended up serving as a “Paul” to a “Timothy”. At times it wasn’t intentional but just happened because I lived or worked with another believer and the relationship grew naturally. It might have been just started studying the Bible with a coworker or friend. At other times it has been because someone younger in the faith than me walked up to me and told me that he wanted to meet with me and grow.



If you are serving in the military you might be familiar with the term “Battle Buddy”. Paul and Timothy relationships are that and more. No two believers are at exactly the same place in their faith walks and it just happens.

At other times, circumstances automatically create relationships. I remember when I was a recent graduate of the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) and the newest member of an SF “A” team. It’s like being Timothy in a whole room full of Pauls! As the Junior Radio Operator I would definitely be learning from the Senior Radio Operator. I would be

trained and learn other SF skills by other members of the team who had different primary specialties. And of course there was the Team Sergeant, the NCO who literally led the team under the supervision of the Team Leader, an officer.

Lastly, Paul and Peter relationships can be come a bit more formal, following a structured growth pattern designed to help a new or young believer grow into a Kingdom Builder.

I’m sure you get the picture. Both in life and in our spiritual walks we are always learning and always have something pass on.

If someone were to ask me, “Dan, what’s the key to establishing the relationships we’ve been talking about, I have a single two part an-

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swer. “Be open about your faith and be available for both roles. That’s it.



When God welcomed this prodigal home he was already serving on a Special Forces “A” team. For me, being open about my faith was a no-brainer. The big question I had was “Can I be a fully functioning member of such a tight knit unit and be open about my faith at the same time?” We’re talking about some highly trained, tough soldiers—most of whom weren’t exactly models of the Christian faith, and some of whom were openly hostile toward God. A few were even uneasy or uncomfortable around those of us who were openly Christian. Suffice it to say, Christians who were open and unapologetic about their faith weren’t the most popular people in the room—if they were welcomed at all.

So I’ll ask one more time:

“Do you have a Paul and a Timothy in your faith walk?”

Be Blessed!



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Faithfulness in the Ordinary

We often picture faithfulness as dramatic acts—bold steps of obedience, costly choices, or public stands. Scripture includes such moments, yet the life of faith is far more often lived quietly, day by day, in routine responsibilities and seemingly unremarkable moments.

February suits this truth well. The spark of new beginnings has dimmed; winter lingers, and the rhythm is steady rather than urgent. The call shifts from excitement to endurance. Scripture teaches that endurance forms not by accident, but through ordinary, faithful obedience.

Faithfulness Is How God Measures Stewardship. The Bible rarely judges faithfulness by visible results. It measures it by obedience and trust. Paul declares, “It is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). Stewards need not be impressive, innovative, or renowned—only faithful.



Jesus reinforces this: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much” (Luke 16:10). In God’s economy, faithfulness in small, unseen duties carries profound weight. What seems insignificant often becomes the testing ground for obedience.

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Zechariah asks, “Who has despised the day of small things?” (Zechariah 4:10). God never overlooks the ordinary; He works through it.

The Ordinary Marked Most of Jesus’ Life Jesus’ earthly life was largely quiet. We read of His miraculous birth, a glimpse of His childhood, then silence for nearly thirty years before public ministry. Those years were not wasted—they were filled with faithful, ordinary obedience.

Luke notes simply, “Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Growth happened gradually, steadily.

Philippians describes Christ emptying Himself, taking the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). This humility extended beyond the cross to His entire life—daily obedience, ordinary work, family responsibilities. If the Son of God honored the ordinary, we should not dismiss it as spiritually unimportant.

Faithfulness Often Means Staying One of faithfulness’s hardest forms is remaining—serving, loving, working, obeying when nothing seems to change. Scripture voices the tension: psalmists cry, “How long, O Lord?” (Psalm 13:1), yet hold fast in trust.

Isaiah promises, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You” (Isaiah 26:3). Faithfulness isn’t always progress; sometimes it’s standing firm. “Be steadfast, immovable... knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

God notices what others miss: “The eyes of the Lord are in every place” (Proverbs 15:3). Faithfulness is never unseen.

God Works Quietly Beneath the Surface God’s work often hides before it shows. Jesus likened the kingdom to a man scattering seed: it sprouts and grows, though he knows not how (Mark 4:26–27).

Roots form before fruit. “He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season” (Psalm 1:3). Faithful prayer, integrity, and obedience build deep roots. James urges, “Let steadfastness have its full effect” (James 1:4). Maturity comes through endurance, not haste.

Weariness Does Not Disqualify Faithfulness

Faithfulness is never effortless. Scripture acknowledges weariness: “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).

We need not deny exhaustion, but trust God within it. Isaiah comforts, “He gives power to the faint” (Isaiah 40:29). Endurance strengthens as we lean on His grace: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power

is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Our faithfulness rests not in our strength, but in God’s provision.

Ordinary Faithfulness Bears Witness

Consistent faith offers a quiet, powerful testimony. Jesus taught, “Let your light shine before others” (Matthew 5:16). Daily love—through patience, humility, forgiveness—speaks volumes. “By this all people will know that you are My disciples” (John 13:35).

Peter adds that honorable living lets others “see your good deeds and glorify God” (1 Peter 2:12). Steady consistency, more than dramatic moments, often draws people to Christ.

Our Faithfulness Rests on God’s Faithfulness

Our faithfulness is sustained by His. “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases” (Lamentations 3:22). Even in struggle, God remains faithful.

Paul assures, “He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Our obedience responds to His unchanging character.

This ordinary faithfulness—day after day—honors God and shapes us for eternity. ✨



It is always with great sadness to us remaining here on earth to learn of the passing of our beloved friends and co-laborers in the Kingdom. Yet we rejoice as they have been promoted to their great reward, for as it is written “...no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him...” (1 Cor 2:9). Indeed, what is sorrow for us is not sorrow for them, and their homecoming is precious in the eyes of our Heavenly Father (Ps 116:15).

LTC Duane Ginter, USA (Ret)

Duane Leon Ginter, 91, of Sabetha, Kansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 11, 2026, with his beloved wife by his side. Duane fought the good fight and finished his race with faith, courage, and humility.



Duane was born on April 13, 1934, in Council Grove, Kansas, the firstborn son of Tommy and Ada Ginter. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1959, where he was a member of the first aviator class the university ever offered. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Army for 30 years, completing two tours in Vietnam and one tour in Korea. During his distinguished military career, Duane flew over 5,000 hours, including more than 800 combat hours, demonstrating extraordinary dedication and bravery in service to his nation.

During his service in Vietnam, Duane was a member of the legendary gunship crews known as the Firebirds, originally Company A, 501st Aviation Battalion, who provided critical air support in Huey gunships. This elite unit played a vital role in protecting ground forces, and Duane was proud of the brotherhood and mission they shared.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marty Ginter; his children Scott Ginter (Deb), Teri Carcano (Steve), and James Ginter. He was a proud grandfather to Stephanie, Natasha, Brian, and Tanner Ginter; Adele and Vince Carcano; and Payton, Claire, and Harper Ginter. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren Keagan, Ashton, Camden, and Maken-nen Warra; Clayton, Kris, and Aubrey

Hatfield; and Cooper Leon Ginter, who was named in his honor.

Duane will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, educator, service leader, and man of unwavering faith. His life was one of service—to God, to his country, and to others—and his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Rev 21:4

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