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# MESSAGE NOTES

## Spirit of Love

**2 Timothy 1:7**

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### 1. Love of God

***2 Timothy 1:7 God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.***

God fills us with His spirit of love so that we can love the people around us with the same kind of love He has for us. Our image of love can be weak and soft, but God's love is strong and powerful. Love conquers evil every time.

### 2. Powerful love

***1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.***

God's love doesn't insist on its own way. God's strength enables us to put others before ourselves. You don't need to fight for yourself to be strong. There's more power in love.

### 3. Meekness not weakness

***James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.***

Meekness is one of the main words used in the Bible to describe the character of Jesus and the kind of people Christians ought to be. The original Greek meaning of this word is 'strength under control'. Like a tamed horse uses its strength to serve its master, we use our strength to serve God and other people.