

Stop Being Embarrassed

Preventing SHAME over the gospel 2 Timothy 1:8-11 Chris Mueller 7-22-2018

Introduction:

Matthew 10:32 ...everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Kent Hughes Stronger men than Timothy had wilted when faced with shame and suffering. The iron-willed, sword-wielding Apostle Peter had loudly declared, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death" in Luke 22 but soon was ashamed to admit he knew Jesus and denied him outright before the soldiers and 'even' a servant girl as Jesus watched.

8 Therefore do not **be ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but **join with me in suffering** for **the gospel** according to the power of God, 9 who has **saved** us and **called** us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which **was granted** us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10 but now **has been revealed** by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who **abolished death** and **brought life** and immortality to light through **the gospel**, 11 for which **I was appointed** a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

#1 Embrace the _____ of proclaiming the gospel ^{8a}

8 Therefore do not **be ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but **join with me in suffering** for **the gospel** according to the power of God

1st Choose to _____ for the gospel ^{8a}

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2nd Be willing to _____ for the gospel ^{8b}

but **join with me in suffering** for **the gospel** according to the power of God

Oswald Chambers To choose to suffer means that there is something wrong; to choose God's will even if it means suffering is a very different thing. No healthy saint ever chooses suffering; he chooses God's will, as Paul did, whether it means suffering or not.

Acts 9:15 Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake.

2 Corinthians 4:8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

John 14:6 ...I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Acts 4:12 there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved

#2 Embrace the _____ of the gospel ^{8c-10}

THE POWER TO SAVE ⁹ who has *saved* us and

THE POWER TO LIVE HOLY *called* us with a holy calling

ACCOMPLISHED =

NOT BY WORKS *not according to our works*

BY GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE *but according to His own purpose and grace*

BY CHRIST IN ETERNITY which *was granted* us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

Ephesians 1:4 God...chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

BY THE WORK OF GOD IN BECOMING A MAN

10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus

THE POWER TO ABOLISH DEATH who *abolished death* and

THE POWER TO BRING LIFE *brought life* and immortality to light through *the gospel*

#3 Embrace your specific part in the gospel _____ ¹¹

¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher

TAKE HOME

1-You have the greatest need; turn _____

2-You have the sweetest Savior; live _____

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

3-You have the most needed message; live _____

4-You have the amazing appointment; live _____

5-You have the most powerful God; live _____

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. What are the many reasons believers become HESITANT about Christ and the gospel?
2. What are the methods Paul uses in 2 Timothy 1 to help Timothy NOT BE ASHAMED?
3. What are some other reasons not in 2 Timothy 1 that can help believers NOT BE EMBARRASSED?
4. What steps can you take as a group of believers to assist in each other in growing BOLD for Christ?
5. What steps will you take this week and month to grow more COURAGEOUS for Christ?
6. What kind of heart do we need to develop to EMBRACE suffering and persecution for Christ?