

The Gospel | Not Ashamed!

Day 1: The Courage to Speak

Reading: Romans 1:14-17

Paul declares he is not ashamed of the gospel, and that declaration did not come without pressure. There were real forces pushing him toward silence. The same is true for us. Cultural disapproval, fear of rejection, and pride can all tempt us to quietly set aside the most important news we carry. But Paul's boldness was rooted not in his own personality or confidence -- it was rooted in what the gospel actually is. When you understand that you are carrying something that has the power of God behind it, shame loses its grip. Today, identify one area where shame has been silencing you.

Day 2: Power That Is Not Your Own

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:7-12

Paul reminds Timothy that God has not given us a spirit of timidity. This matters because the temptation to be ashamed of the gospel often disguises itself as humility or social awareness. But Paul is clear -- the power in the gospel belongs to God, not to us. We are not responsible for producing results. We are responsible for faithfully delivering what has been entrusted to us. The hose does not generate the water; it simply carries it. This truth should relieve the pressure we place on ourselves when it comes to sharing our faith. Trust the power of the message, not the polish of your delivery.

Day 3: The Righteousness We Cannot Build Ourselves

Reading: Romans 10:1-4 and Philippians 3:7-9

There is a deep hunger in every human soul to be justified -- to feel right, to be declared clean. People spend enormous energy trying to satisfy that hunger on their own terms, whether by lowering the standard, pointing at others, or punishing themselves for past failures. Paul understood this. He had tried to build his own righteousness through religious achievement and found it hollow. In Philippians 3, he describes counting all of that as loss compared to the righteousness that comes through Christ. The gospel announces that what we cannot build for ourselves, God provides through Jesus. Rest in that today rather than striving for it. Focus your energy today on living from a place of already being declared righteous instead of trying to earn it through behavior/actions.

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Day 4: Ongoing Trust, Not a One-Time Transaction

Reading: Galatians 2:20 and Hebrews 10:35-39

The phrase "from first to last" in Romans 1:17 points to something important -- faith is not a transaction that concludes at a single moment and then fades into the background of your life. It is a posture of ongoing trust. The story of the dying elder who feared he had not done enough is a sobering reminder that even long-term believers can drift from the gospel they once embraced and replace it with a quiet reliance on their own performance. Today, examine where your trust actually rests. The gospel is not a foundation you lay once and then build over with your own effort. Return to it daily.

Day 5: You Owe Them the News

Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Romans 1:14-15

Paul uses the language of debt and obligation when describing his relationship to those who had not yet heard the gospel. He did not view sharing the good news as optional or as a matter of personal preference. Something had been entrusted to him, and until it was delivered, he carried a responsibility. The same is true for every believer. Think of the people in your life who are still in the jungle, fighting battles that have already been won, unaware that something decisive has happened in history through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You have what they need. Will you go into the jungle today?