

DAY 04 | A BRUTAL BLESSING

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“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, and set apart for the gospel of God.”
Romans 1:1

I read this somewhere: “to be set apart,” but I couldn’t remember where. As it turns out, I was reading Romans, and there it was: Paul introduces himself as a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and **“set apart”** for the gospel of God.

As Christians, God calls us to be set apart, but he does not force us to be; our unwavering faith and obedience to Him and His Word make us that way. To be set apart for the Gospel, we have to be submerged in God’s Word every day; we must pray constantly, be bold in our faith, not only inside the church where we are safe from ridicule, but outside the church, in our homes, with our spouse, with our children, in our community; praying for complete strangers and not living in fear of rejection or mockery for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. As believers set apart for the gospel, we must be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves. As God’s disciples, we go against the world’s current, and we must put on the armor of God every day to survive and accomplish the mission God has laid before us.

The world around us is brutal, but what a blessing it is to be called by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to be set apart for the gospel (no calling is greater than being elected to spread the good news of Jesus Christ).

When God speaks to our hearts and we listen, He equips us, and we receive our marching orders to fulfill his will, making us battle-ready soldiers in God’s great Army.

So, let’s follow Jesus intimately; let’s be doers of God’s Word, not hearers only; and let’s fan the flame the Lord blessed us with. Let’s be Bold in our faith and in our words to those whom God has set before us, and be faithful soldiers of Christ. **Let’s be set apart!**