
A Church for the Whole Family

Part 2: A Sacrifice to Give

2 Timothy 1:8-12 (NIV)

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

1. BEING A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY CALLS FOR SACRIFICE.

v. 8 "...But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God."

- Being an authentic follower of Jesus is not always easy.
- If it comes to us without a price, it's not always appreciated.

1 Chronicles 21:22-24 (NIV)

- Genuine conviction calls for sacrifice, which often brings suffering.

2. BEING A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY CALLS US TO BE DIFFERENT.

v. 9 "...who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace..."

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- As "called out" ones, God has a special plan for us.
- There are many causes we can give ourselves to, but none higher than the cause of Christ.
- When sacrifice is asked for, extra grace is provided.

3. BEING A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY CALLS US TO TRUST HIM.

v. 12 "...Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day."

Jude 1:24 (NIV)

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...

- We do not need to be ashamed of the assignment we have been given.
- Boldness comes when we know that we cannot lose.
- Security comes when we know that our investment is safe.

4. BEING A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY CALLS FOR US TO BE HERE TONIGHT AT 5 PM