Do Not Be Ashamed

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INTRODUCTION

- It seems that Paul is worried, particularly about the fear of shame in a world that rejects Jesus.
- We live in a world that regularly tries to mock and shame those who follow Jesus Christ.
- If you're going to follow Jesus Christ, you're going to encounter opposition.

1 Guard the Treasure Entrusted to You

2 Timothy 1:14; Matthew 25

- Realize that what you have, first of all, is a treasure. It is valuable beyond our comprehension.
- This is a treasure that is priceless, that we actually can't comprehend the value of this.
- We keep them, we guard them, we want to talk about them. We're not ashamed of them.
- When you have a treasure, you want to use this properly. You want to be a good steward of what you've been given.
- We don't go bury that in the ground and hide in fear. We treasure what we have. We guard it, we protect it, we use it for good purposes.
- It's not because of who we are or what we've done, but it's because of his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus.

2 I Know Whom I Believed; He Is Able

2 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 1:10; Genesis 12

- I'm not ashamed of this because I know the one that I believe in.
- I hope that you know whom you believe in. It's not just a what or a thing, but is a being.
- The problem is not on God's side of the equation. God can guard it all, he can keep it.
- Every single story we have in Scripture points to this reality that God delivers on his promises.
- Paul's saying, no, it's Jesus Christ. He's the one who does that. By his appearing, all things are being made right.
- God will deliver on his promises. There's nothing to worry about on God's side.

3 Proudly Bear Witness to the Testimony

2 Timothy 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:13

- We have nothing to be ashamed about. In fact, we should proudly give testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Bearing witness doesn't just happen in preaching or teaching. It happens by following the standard of sound words.
- Don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord. The word testimony and the word witness are the same.

- Proudly proclaim the message of God. Be bold.
- This is the cruciform nature of what happens when you follow Jesus. He suffered for us, and so we suffer for him.
- He saved us and he called us not to comfort, not to ease. No, he called us to holiness.

THE CHALLENGE

Maybe now and right now is the time to make it right. Can we help you?

MY NOTES