

**“Unashamed”**  
2 Timothy 1:8-14

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*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.*  
2 Timothy 1:8-14 (English Standard Version)

**Take-Home Truth: Living unashamed will call us to embrace grace-filled suffering for the sake of the Gospel.**

→ Living unashamed will call us to **view our circumstance** through the Gospel.

*. . . don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner . . .* (v. 8)

ashamed: a painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety

*. . . but suffer together with me . . .* (v. 8)

**For Paul, the opposite of living ashamed is to **faithfully endure suffering** for the Gospel.**

*“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”* Romans 8:16-17 (ESV)

*“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross **daily** and follow me.”* Luke 9:23 (ESV, emphasis mine)

**When was the last time that following Jesus required me to **sacrifice** something?**

→ Living unashamed is rooted in the **reality** of the Gospel.

*. . . endure suffering by the power of God who saved us and called us to a holy calling . . . (v. 9)*

*. . . which now has been manifested through the appearing of Christ Jesus who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel . . . (v. 10)*

The Gospel is the Good News of **REDEMPTION**.

God has redeemed our **PAST** through forgiveness of our sin.

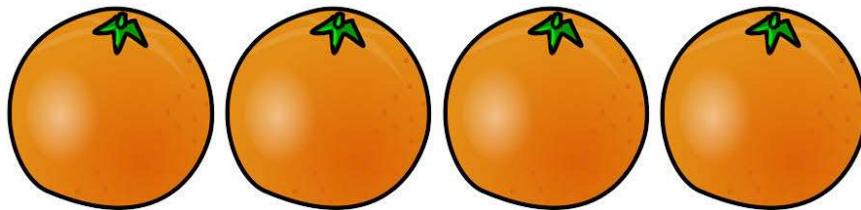
God redeems our **PRESENT** by connecting us to the family of God.

God has secured our **FUTURE** guarding God's work within us.

**Why then does this bring suffering?**

*And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. John 3:19-20 (ESV)*

**“Do we find greater joy when God makes much of us or when God enables us by His Spirit to make much of Him?” -John Piper**



→ **Living unashamed will call for us to arrange our lives around the Gospel.**

*. . . I know who I have believed in and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. (v. 11)*

*. . . follow the pattern of sound words . . . (v. 13)*

*By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (v. 14)*

**Where is God inviting you to live unashamed?**