

A Brief History of Slavery & Your Witness at Work

Titus 2:9-10

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- Saved To Serve — Paul as a Bondservant to Bondservants

A Brief History of Slavery

1. 3 Defining Characteristics of Slavery: A human being is another's property, their will is subject to another's authority, & labor is obtained by another's coercion (Rom. 6:15-23).
2. In the Beginning it was Not so (Genesis): Born free, Bound & Sold (Joseph)
3. God Sets Israel Free From Bondage (Exodus)
4. 1st Century AD 1 out of 3 persons in Rome and 1 out of 5 elsewhere was a slave
5. Slavery was almost Universal: Members of every Nation & Tribe Enslaved & had been Enslaved (Story of Spartacus)
6. Jesus & the Apostles laid the Groundwork for Slavery Everywhere to be Undermined & for the Slave as our Fellow Sibling to be Valued & Freed
7. The Messianic Promise to 'Proclaim Liberty to the Captives' (Isaiah 61:1) Takes Time to Sink into Hearts & be Honored In Cultures

Your Witness at Work

1. Be Productive for Your Superior (2:9)
2. Be Pleasing in Your Spirit (2:9)
3. Be Polite in Your Speech (2:9)
4. Be Principled in Your Service (2:10)
5. Be Public in Your Sincerity (2:10)
6. Be Praiseworthy for Your Savior (2:10)

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the topic of slavery. Consider our look at a brief history of slavery, any thing stand out?
2. What has been a hard work situation you have faced?
3. Even in the hardest work, how can the instructions in this passage help you to be a witness in your work?
4. Reread Titus 2:9-10 (consider reading Titus 2:9-15). Discuss how you can live and apply this passage to your life and work.
5. How does the passage challenge or encourage you? Any fresh insight?