

Extending the Weekend: April 10, 2024
I Am Not Ashamed– “I’ve Got Great News”

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **Romans 1:16 NKJV***

I’ve Got Great News...The Gospel is Not Ashamed of You!

*But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God for He has prepared a city for them. **Hebrews 11:16 NKJV***

Jewish children start school around the age of 5 at the local *bet sefer* or elementary school.

The second level of education, called *bet midrash*, was where they would continue their studies.

The best of the best students had the possibility to reach the next level, apprenticeship with a rabbi. Most students were encouraged to learn a trade and start a family.

The purpose of this apprenticeship is to be with your rabbi, to become like your rabbi, to do as your rabbi did.

*And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

Matthew 4:18-20 NKJV

Whoever means WHOEVER! The Gospel is not ashamed of you!

Peter was a fisherman. Think about that for a second. That means he didn’t make the cut. He didn’t make it into the elite circle of the other rabbis. He wasn’t the best of the best; He was one of the ones who got sent home.

But Jesus invited Him to be His.

Before he believed in Jesus, Jesus believed in him.

The Gospel is not ashamed of you!

Read John 18:15-17; 25-27; 21:15-17.

Jesus is re-commissioning Peter as an apostle and leader in the church.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT ASHAMED OF YOU!

Peter denies Jesus the night before the crucifixion and less than 2 months later preaches the sermon on the day of Pentecost!

Read Acts 2:14-18

TIMELINE OF PETER

Peter lays down his net to follow Jesus and become his disciple.

Peter makes a pronouncement of the deity of Jesus.

Jesus tells Peter He will build His church upon Him.

Jesus tells Peter He will deny Him 3 times.

Peter Denied Christ 3 times.

Jesus offers Peter 3 questions of Redemption...1 for each denial.

Jesus reinstates Peter as an apostle and leader in the church.

Peter preached the message on the day of Pentecost & 3000 souls respond.

If the gospel is not ashamed of Peter, THE GOSPEL IS NOT ASHAMED OF YOU!

Reflection for the week

Personal/Family:

Transformation: *How does this change/impact my week?*

Missional Team:

Transformation: *How does this challenge/change the way we serve?*