

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

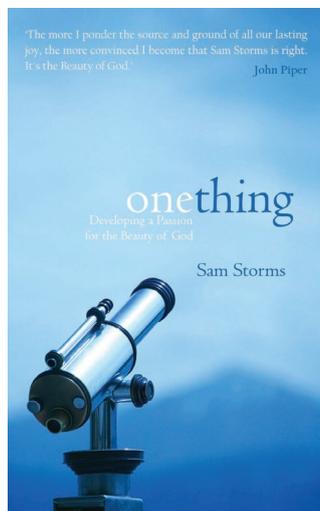
One Thing
Sam Storms

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Title: Devoted to the gospel

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Bible reference: 2Timothy 1:6-8

Overview

Many in the early church were devoted to sharing the gospel even at the expense of their own lives (Acts 7:57- 8:4). Jesus followers of today are called to the same wholehearted commitment to sharing the gospel, yet it's not always easy and we can struggle with sharing. Paul writes to Timothy & says *"Don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord"* and like Timothy it may be the temptation to be ashamed that keeps us silent. The fact is (generally speaking) we don't share what we are ashamed of.

Why might we be ashamed of the gospel?

1. The apparent foolishness of the gospel: we're afraid of being labelled stupid (1Cor)
2. The exclusive claim of the gospel: we're afraid of being labelled intolerant.

How can we say with Paul *"I am not ashamed of the gospel"*?

1. Be grateful for the gospel: (2Tim 1:12);
2. Be devoted to God - we will share what we love the most;
3. Be reliant on the Holy Spirit (2Tim 1:7);
4. Be encouraged by the example of others (2Tim 1:8)

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?

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