

UNASHAMED



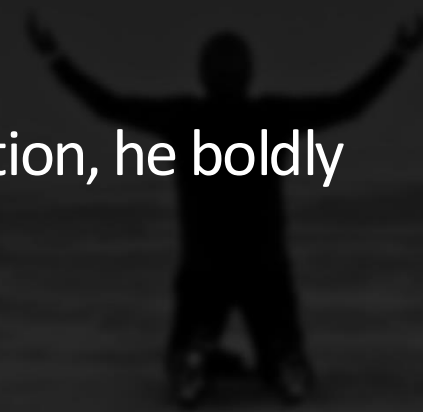
Romans 1:16

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Unashamed of the Gospel

- Unashamed- someone who is not restrained by embarrassment, guilt, or the fear of what others think.
- The gospel- the good news, Jesus Christ life, death, and resurrection. Through it we receive the free gift of salvation and eternal life.
- In the face of tremendous pressure and persecution, he boldly and consistently preached the gospel.

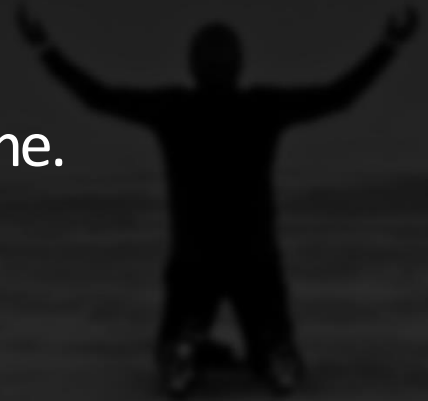


1. Purpose

Romans 1:13

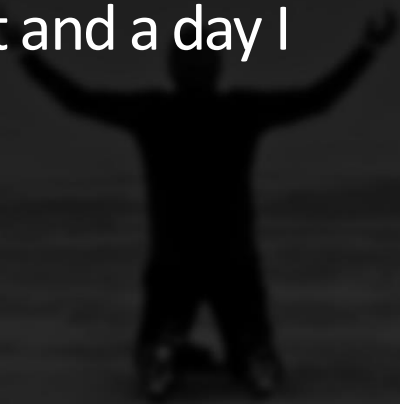
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may have some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

- Paul was determined to preach the gospel in Rome.



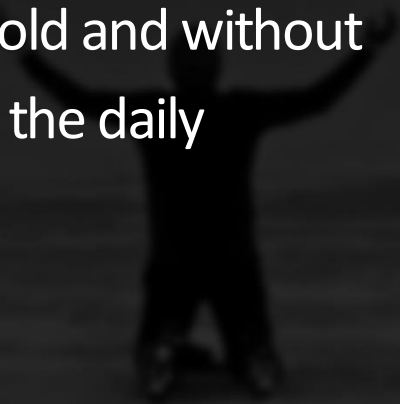
2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, in beatings without number, in frequent danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked—a night and a day I have spent in the deep.



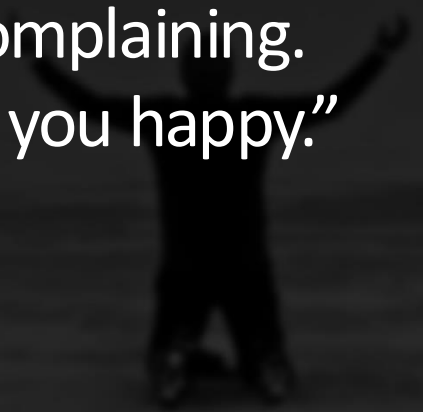
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I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the desolate places, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brothers. I have been in labor and hardship, in many sleepless nights, in starvation and thirst, often hungry, in cold and without enough clothing. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.



George Bernard Shaw

“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one: the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap and being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining. That the world will not devote itself to making you happy.”



2. Passion

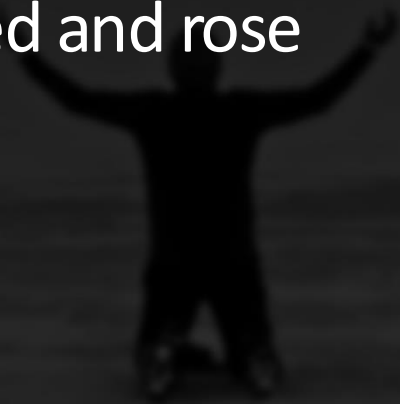
Romans 1:14-15

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.



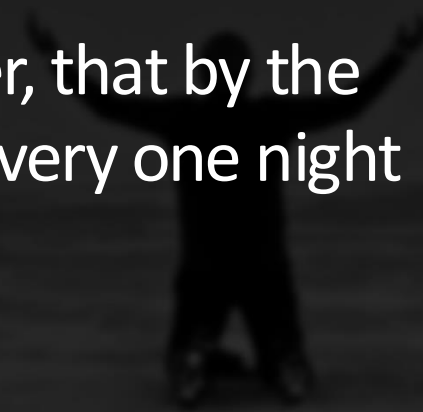
2 Corinthians 5:13-15

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.



2. Passion

- “As much as in me is, I am ready.”
- Half measures and halfhearted commitments are not worthy of the greatness of the message we have been sent to proclaim.
- **Acts 20:31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.



John Wesley

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the Kingdom of heaven on Earth.”



3. Power

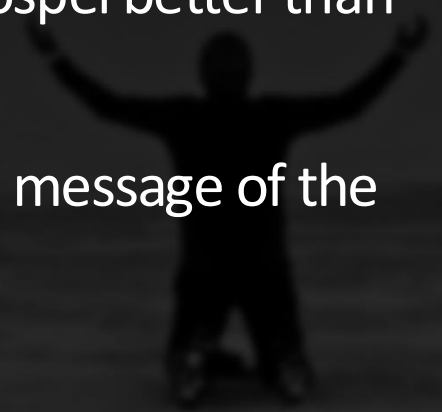
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- The gospel is a message of power.
- God himself gives us the power to share it.
- Louis Bauman pastorate in Philadelphia
- George Whitefield: “ Other men may preach the gospel better than I, but no man can preach a better gospel.”
- “Methods are numerous and often change but the message of the gospel is sacred and eternal.” Unknown



3. Power

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the end of the earth.

When we make a strong connection with God his power will flow through us.



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