

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for **July 14, 2024**

Sermon Notes

Unashamed and Ready to Suffer - The Gospel is Worth It

2 Timothy 1:7-12 (pew Bible pg. 995)

Are you embarrassed to be associated with Jesus? We have no reason to believe that Timothy had already been ashamed of Paul and the Gospel, but he was obviously being tempted. Being “ashamed” involves doubt and uncertainty. “Shame” has more to do with how we believe we are perceived by others and how we are being treated by them. You can be shamed by others into feeling and acting ashamed. Timothy was struggling. Stronger men than Timothy had wilted under the weight of shame and suffering.

God wants us to be unashamed as we live and share the Gospel and to suffer well for the Gospel’s sake.

Jesus said, “The world has hated and persecuted me, Your Master, so you know it’s going to hate and persecute you, my servants” (my paraphrase of John 15:18,20). But Jesus also said that even though you will have trouble in this world, take heart! **I have overcome the world.** (John 16:33)

1. We are called to live unashamed of this glorious Gospel message.
2. We are called to expect and endure suffering for this Glorious Gospel message.
 - A. How we suffer – by the Power of God
 - B. Why we suffer – Because the gospel is worth it
 - C. When we suffer – As we proclaim the Gospel
3. We can stand in confidence that God is faithful, and His Word is certain

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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JULY

All Month - Elder Nominations
6-15 Hungary Mission Trip
20 Men's Breakfast @ 7am
20 AHG Game Night @ 6pm
22-26 CentriKid Camp
25 Red Cross Blood Drive
28 Deacon's Meeting