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Romans 1:16-17

Introduction

Is there a time that you were eager to share “the gospel”? Why were you so eager?

Head: *What is the passage saying?*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

From these two verses, what does Paul want to make sure his readers understand?

1. Paul writes that he is, “not ashamed.” What is the opposite of being “ashamed”?
2. Who does “the gospel” save? Read 1 Corinthians 1:18, *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.* How do continue to experience the saving power of the gospel?
3. What does Romans 1:17 remind us about faith in the Christian life? (Consider how we receive salvation, and live out our salvation each day. We read about living by faith in other Bible passages: Habakkuk 2:4, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38)

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Heart: *How does this passage influence my inner being?*

Have you believed this gospel? If so, perhaps this is a good time to share your story of how you experienced the power of God.

1. Is there a particular area of your life that you could further grow in living by faith? What is a next step you could take?
2. When hearing about “the gospel” what has made the most impact on you?

Hands: *How do I practically live this out?*

Here are some practical ideas for this week. Or, you may have another idea that helps you practically live out what you are hearing from God. Share a practical, intentional step that can help you put into practice about what God is teaching you.

1. **Journal:** Write out your story of coming to faith, especially focus on your experience of the power of God. Perhaps you came to salvation in Jesus as a child, write about a time you have lived by faith.
2. **Pray:** Make a list of people to pray for who have not experienced the power of God that brings salvation. Commit to pray for them.
3. **Share:** Consider Paul’s declaration that he is not ashamed of the Gospel. Take a step this week to prepare yourself to share about the good news of Jesus. Be alert for a time to share the gospel.
4. **Serve:** Being confident that the power of God has changed you, find a way to practically help a person in need for someone this week



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