

Text: 2 Timothy 1:8-12  
Topics: Courage, Gospel, Suffering  
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## Need Some Courage?

### I. The Command (8)

*Paul urged Timothy not to be ashamed of*

*The message*

*The messenger*

*The ministry*

*But to join in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God*

Am I willing to accept suffering, through God's power, to minister the gospel?

### II. The Cause (9-11)

*Paul urged Timothy to accept suffering for the gospel because of*

*Its message*

*Its messenger*

Have I found motivation for gospel ministry in the message and messengers?

### III. The Conviction (12)

*Paul gives reasons he is not retreating from gospel ministry despite suffering*

*His relationship with the risen Lord Jesus*

*His conviction of God's ability to protect*

I can find courage to speak the gospel, despite suffering, through a relationship with Christ and trust in God's promises.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a situation when someone tried to make you feel ashamed to talk about Jesus? Describe what happened.

2. Read Mark 8:38. Are there any situations you find yourself in, in which you generally fail the standard Jesus gives here?

How might you find God's help in these situations? (See the verses that precede verse 38 for ideas)

What did Jesus mean by "My words" in verse 38?

3. What is "the gospel" in Mark 8:35? Explain it as concise, but also as complete as possible.

Why might some people not want you to speak the gospel to them or others?

What would cause you to speak the gospel message, knowing that some won't want to hear it?

4. Read Titus 3:3-8. What reasons for sharing the gospel message do you see in these verses?

Turn one of these reasons into a personal testimony you could share with another person.

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?