Message Notes

Contagious Christianity – Part 3 of 6

“The Fear Factor”

Romans 1:1, 7-17

**Introduction:** How is God calling you to become a Contagious Christian? How is God is leading you to actively move outward into your neighborhood? At times we experience anxiety or fear over talking with others about Jesus. If we push fear aside and rely on the Spirit of God to help us, we can better serve and love our neighbors, so we don’t miss opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others. When we choose to follow Jesus, we’re also believing that he will be with us and help us conquer our fears. If Jesus has asked us to love and serve our neighbors, then we have to believe he will give us what we need to engage with them.

**Romans 1:1,16-17 (NLT):** *This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News….****16****For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.****17****This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”*

**Why does Paul say he is not going to be ashamed of the gospel when he gets to Rome?**

1. Because it is possible that Paul might be embarrassed and afraid to talk with others about Jesus when he goes to Rome.

2. Because compared to what Rome was, Paul saw what he was.

3. Because there were problems that the gospel was going to face in Rome since what the gospel taught and considered significant was not what the Roman people and culture considered to be significant.

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