

The Resurrection of Jesus Guarantees That Our Best Days Are Yet To Come

Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but gives us a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
2 Timothy 1:5b -10

TIMIDITY TIMOTHY

God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but gives us the spirit of power, of love and self-discipline. (v.7)

How many of us live with inordinate amounts of timidity?
How does timidity limit us?

“JESUS DESTROYED DEATH” (and timidity)

- *Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. v.10*
 - *Jesus Christ shared in our humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*
Hebrews 2:14-15
 - *“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9*
1. Repeat often as you (singular) hold the hand of the ONE who defeated a much larger foe than the one you’re facing right now (or ever will!).
 2. Repeat often in community with others.
 3. Repeat often as you (plural) participate in God’s redemptive purpose.

Being in step with God’s purpose, while sensing His smile on your everyday activities, is the greatest thrill, the most fulfilling, and is eternally rewarding.

CLOSING QUESTIONS

1. Are you in a relationship with the One who saved you and called you to a holy calling, not because of your works but because of His own purpose and grace? (see v. 9)
2. Are you in community with others so that the gift of God in you may be fanned into an inferno? (see v. 6)
3. Are you participating in God’s redemptive plan and unashamed of His testimony in you to call others to Himself in order to gift them with their best day ever? (see v. 8-9)