

Series: The Essential Church; Sermon: **Something Worth Dying For**;
Delivered on June 9, 2019, by **Dr. Josh Moody**, senior pastor

Bible text explored: 2 Timothy 1:8–12

⁸Therefore 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, ⁹who 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, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. What perspective (v. 8) is Paul, writing a concluding letter from prison, urging on Timothy? (See *Luke 9:25-26*.)
How does Paul's strong purpose, paired with his confidence in God's power, compare with the "bucket lists" that often shape our concerns?
Today we saw a church family large enough to fill Edman Chapel. But how does embarrassment to speak about Jesus limit our impact on acquaintances (likely more open to hearing us out than we've assumed)? (See *Rom. 1:16*.)
2. What (vv. 9-11) is the past trajectory of our "holy calling" . . .
. . . "before the ages began"? (See *Eph. 1:4-6*.)
. . . "through the appearing of our Savior"?
How are we now called to become whole by being integrated into God's game plan?
What future death-and-life trajectory should help us stick it out with him?
3. How are the effects of the gospel provided by Christ mediated through our witness? (See *Rom. 10:14*.)
In what sense are we also appointed to be God's emissaries?
4. What (v. 12) was the unshakeable basis for an imprisoned Paul's confidence?
Who did he see as his real guard?
How did he expect Timothy to share both his suffering and his confidence?
5. Did a naturally retiring Timothy rise to Paul's challenge? (See *Heb. 13:23*.)
Will I resolve to actively guard the gospel deposit entrusted to *me*?