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Summer Quarter 2021 Unit II: Faith and Salvation

Lesson 6-July 11, 2021 A Gift to Strengthen You

Rhetorical Question 1: What kind of gifts do you like?

Rhetorical Question 2: Where do people find strength? Where do you find your strength?

Background Scripture Romans 1 Print Passage Romans 1: 8-17

**Key verse: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; first to the Jews, then to the Gentile.
Romans 1: 16**

Central Truth: The believer's life must be a convincing witness of God power.

Objective: 1) Examine the characteristics that made Paul such a convincing witness of God's power, 2) pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of others, 3) be prepared and follow through on sharing the gospel with others

Section I Thankful for the All-in Prayer

Romans Vs 8-10 What can we learn from Paul-His life was a witness- a convincing witness of God's power.

.Paul was concerned with the salvation and spiritual growth of others

➤ **Verse 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you...**

➤ When was the last time you thanked God for other Christians?

➤ Paul thanked God for the church at Rome; Philippi (Phi. 1:3-5); Ephesus (Eph 1:17) Corinth (1 Cor. 1:4) and Colossae (Col 1: 3-8)

**Verse 8 continues; First I thank my God for you through Jesus Christ for you all.
And for your spiritual growth (their active faith was known world-wide)**

- Notice Paul commended them for was their faith; not their level of sophistication; not their prominence; not their numbers; but their faith

Rhetorical Question: What do you consider to be the most important thing about you? Is it Your family? or your intelligence? Your looks? Talents?

Accomplishments? Career? Wealth? It was their faith, their belief in God and the Word of God that impressed Paul and caused him to thank God. **We should place high value on faith-** the way Paul did.

Verse 9 For God is my witness...that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.

Question 1: What can be the impact on you when you know that someone really is praying for you?

Verse 10 I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

- Nevertheless, **he encouraged them and lifted them up** to continue in their faith walk and works.
- Paul was **grateful for everyone who was a part of the church. He was thankful for their faith** Third, Paul **rejoiced in their faith**.
- **And he prayed to God for them.**

The **gift of encouraging words** from Paul was a gift but there was a greater gift that Paul wanted to share with the church.

Application: Make a list of those who you need to thank God for; that has been a blessing/benefit to you. On the back make a list of those you have been a blessing/benefit to. Pray over both list

Section II: Trustful on the Way Romans 1: 11 – 13 What was his purpose?

Paul gives the church several reasons why he wanted to visit them.

- **One reason was for mutual strengthening.**

- **The second reason- to Reap a harvest** He desired to come to Rome to encourage the saints in their faith and good works and **present the gospel to the unsaved; result in spiritual fruit.** Paul was focused on **developing stronger disciples** and **reaching new converts** for Jesus Christ.
- **The another reason- His conviction to preaching the Gospel**

Question 2: Have you ever been hindered in your desire or efforts to make a spiritual connection with someone who needed God? Did you give up, persevere, or wait for God to open the door? Rochelle Jackson

Question 3: Why is it helpful for Christians to share with and encourage each other in the faith?

Section III Romans 1: 14 – 17 Truthful- Do Not Stray

- Paul felt **compelled and had a deep sense of** commitment to preach the Gospel with urgency to all the people

.Rhetorical Question : How strong is our desire to share the Gospel to others?

Question 4: What does it mean to be “ashamed of the Gospel”

Vs 16 Paul was not ashamed of the gospel.

- **I am not ashamed Of the Gospel Because it is the power of That brings salvation To everyone Who believes First to the Jews, and then to the Gentiles**
- **God’s righteousness is revealed by faith** (faith plays a central role in every effort to live justly before God; we must remain truthful to God’s Word by faith, never straying and always trusting.)

This is the gift to strengthen us! We are not righteous of our self. But God is

Application:

Question 5: How is salvation a gift to you?

Question 6: How does the Gospel strengthen you?

Activity 1 -The bible contains countless scriptures to teach us the importance of lifting up those around us. Make a list of some of those scriptures as a reminder.

Activity 2: This week, thank God daily for His saving Grace and pray for a greater burden for lost souls and a renewed passion for sharing the Gospel with others.

Activity 3: Make a list of a few people that you know really need prayer right now and PRAY for THEM!

Activity 4: This week find a way to make a difference in someone's life. Petition God, commit the plan to God and follow through.

Activity 5: Give or leave a track for someone to find or receive. Pray that God's plan of God's salvation is received.

Re-read "a closing thought" and "closing prayer" in the student book.

- **Stand in the strength of the gift of your salvation; it contains the gift of hope, assurance, joy, and security for you and me.**

Next week:

Seeking Assurance

Devotional scripture: Genesis 15: 1-6

Background scripture: Roman 4

Central truth: Believers are counted as righteous by God through faith.