STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH BY REDISCOVERING YOUR POWER

"Discovering your R.O.L.E. in the congregation."

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Personal Notes:

Sermon Notes:

I God has not Given You a Spirit of Fear

A 2 Timothy 1:7

1 "…for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control…" (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV)

B Someone once described fear in an acronym: **F**alse **E**xpectations **A**ppearing **R**eal.

C No fear in the children of God:

1 2 Timothy 1:8

2 Psalm 7, 16, 18

3 No fear of eternal punishment, because of faithfulness (Matthew 25:21, 23).

D One good reason not to fear:

1 "But as for the cowardly…" (Revelation 21:8, ESV)

II We Should not be Ashamed

A Do not be ashamed of the gospel

1 "I am not ashamed..." (Romans 1:16, ESV)

(a) It is the power.

(b) The power of God.

(c) The power of God to salvation.

(d) The power of God to salvation to everyone who believes.

B Do not be ashamed of the brethren: 2 Timothy 1:8

C Do not be ashamed but share in the suffering of the gospel (2 Timothy 1:8).

1 Paul knows in who he believes (2 Timothy 1:12).

D One good reason not to be ashamed:

1 "For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." (Luke 9:26, ESV)

III God has Given You the Power to Overcome

A God has given you the spirit of power so you know you will win. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

B Our Lord overcame. (John 16:33)

C You have the ability to overcome:

1 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21, ESV)

2 …"you have overcome the evil one." (1 John 2:13, ESV)

3 "The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death." (Revelation 2:11, ESV)