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Lesson 120: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Passing on the Torch

Read Matthew 28:16-20. What "torch" have we all been given to pass on?

Is anyone excluded from this command?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. Underline or count the following words: suffer, harm, trouble, fear, slander, revile. As Peter encourages them to have no fear in their trouble, what does he tell them to be prepared for?

What does this tell you about how we should endure suffering?

Read Romans 1:16-17. What is Paul not ashamed of?

Why not?

How do you act when you are ashamed of something you have said or done?

How do you act when you are delighted with something you have said or done?

Knowing that, re-read verse 16. What would it look like in your life for you to speak and act in a manner that demonstrates that you are not ashamed of the Gospel?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-4. While not everyone is called to be a preacher, we are all called to "preach" the word. When are we to be ready to do this?

Why must we do this?

We have been given a command, a mission, to share the Gospel, in season and out of season. It is of eternal importance that we share God's word and truth, even when people don't want to hear it. As you spend time with God today, consider how you are passing on the torch. Ask God to open your heart to the opportunities you have to share the Gospel with the people around you. Ask Him to make you bold and unashamed, and to give you a spirit of patience and grace as you share His Word. Remember, you are called to share the Word, it is not your job to make sure they are saved. It is God who saves men, not men who save men. We are called to be faithful to share the Gospel, but there will be those who won't receive it, and many will even be offended by the Gospel. Ask God to give you boldness and strength and to open your eyes to opportunities to share the Gospel with everyone you meet.