

April 17 & 18, 2021

What would you want to hear from another follower of Jesus today? Would you want to hear that the person was thinking of you? Would you want to hear a word of affirmation for persevering in a difficult pandemic season? In our passage today, Paul lingers over some personal matters. He shares his heart with his siblings in Rome. He talks about what they mean to him. Why would this be so important to Paul? And then, I have an even more important question for you. What would you want to hear from God today?

- A word from a sibling in the church family (1:8-15)
 - I pray for you constantly with gratitude (v. 8-10)
 - I want to give to you and receive from you (v. 11-12)
 - I am unashamed of the Gospel and am eager to share it with you (v. 13-16a)
- The most amazing word from God (1:16-17)
 - My good news is one of power for salvation. For all!
 - Salvation is for everyone. All means all!
 - I give you right standing before me as a gift. And, this is for all!
 - Receive the good news by faith and live by faith

Questions for Reflection:

- How does believing God's word to you transform the way you view your own sinfulness?
- In what area of life do you need to exercise faith in God's power today?
- In which situations do find yourself being ashamed of the gospel? What would it take to move from shame to eagerness to share the gospel?
- Who would God want you to encourage this week?

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