

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Be Assured

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:18b-30

'...we have the opportunity with this limited temporal life, to bless others for generations and into eternity...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Have you considered recently the eternal impact your life can have in this temporary world?

How have you determined to live your life to proclaim His gospel?

How do our spiritual battles prepare us for His imminent victory (both here if Jesus tarries, and eschatologically)?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How can you rely increasingly on prayer for support in difficult times? How has the power of answered prayer strengthened and encouraged you so that you can bless others?

How have you been encouraged by the presence of the Holy Spirit? What impact has that encouragement had on your life and witness?

How is God challenging you to become more bold and courageous in your witness and testimony in the face of difficulty?

How do we respond to difficult times with both principle and pragmatism?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is a godly perspective on suffering? What is a godly perspective on the necessity of suffering?

How does vs. 21 free us to live a life, or lose our life, without fear and in balance for His glory?

How can we live with less reliance on godless people?

Do you feel the tension of being a Christian as Paul did between a life with Christ and the necessity of your ministry? How do you process that tension?

Do you have confidence in the church of Christ? What does that look like? How can you encourage others with that confidence?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you recommit yourself to the truth that it is a gift ('granted to you') to suffer for Christ, and that it is only through suffering that we can mature?