

Shoulder to the Wheel

Paul says that he rejoiced over his struggles. He wasn't happy to be in pain. He rejoiced that he had joined the glorious journey. The journey was worth the struggle. Faithfully following Jesus leads us to a life filled with purpose.

Scripture(s): Colossians 1:24-28

Remember this - When we are saved we are invited to embrace a _____ and glorious journey.

I. The first description of faithfully following Jesus that reminds us that He calls us to a great work is the good news is worth suffering so that we may _____ it. The complete message of Jesus is worth _____ and suffering for.

II. The second description of faithfully following Jesus that reminds us that He calls us to a great work is discipleship with great _____. With a clear understanding of who Jesus is AND who we are, we intentionally invite others to follow Jesus _____ us.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

III. The third description of faithfully following Jesus that reminds us that He calls us to a great work is the passion to give _____. We must cultivate mental, emotional, and _____ passion for the things of Jesus.

Implications:

1. Our current understanding of the message of Jesus can be measured by the _____ passion we have toward it.
2. We must intentionally walk _____ Jesus both inwardly and outwardly.
3. Work and hardship is actually _____ for the Christian life, not a symptom of God's displeasure.

How can we live this out?

1. Stop seeing work and effort as some enemy to be _____.
2. Turn your mind and heart fully _____ whenever you are listening or learning about God.
3. Commit to following the Jesus that calls you to come and _____ and not the imaginary Jesus that calls you to ease and idleness.

What should I ask Jesus?

Please show me how your good news covers my life.

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