Sinner, Saviour, Servant, Shipwreck August 4, 2019

*1 Timothy 1:12-20 Guest Speaker: Keith Edwards*

Introduction

How clear a communicator are you?

 What can you say in a text message? A tweet?

Using Biblical terms, could you summarize your testimony in 3-4 words?

My Spiritual Journey

1. Sinner

*I know myself to be a sinner*

* Blasphemer – 1:13
* Persecutor – 1:13
* Violent Man – 1:13
* Acting in Ignorance – 1:13

Gospel centred ministry – “CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst!”

**Application** – How does self-identifying as a sinner fit in today’s culture? What biblical references demonstrate our bent towards sin? Why is it important that churches maintain precise accuracy concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ?

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1. Saviour

*I have trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.*

Jesus Christ is…

* A shower of mercy
* A supplier of grace, faith and love
* A Saviour of sinners
* A displayer of unlimited patience

Why a doxology at this point in the text?

**Application** - What new insights into the person and work of Jesus Christ have you discovered this week in 1 Timothy 1:12-20 or other passages?

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1. Servant

I have been appointed to ‘His Service.’

* Speaking Ministries – 1 Peter 4:10,11
* Serving Ministries – 1 Peter 4:10,11

We are saved to serve and may only serve with His strength!

**Application** – What ‘servant’ roles are available to you in your family, your church, your community?

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1. Shipwreck

I must be alert to the danger of a ship-wrecked faith.

Those who are Christ followers must hold on to…

* Faith
* A good conscience

**Application** – In what ways could your conscience impact your testimony? What biblical process should be followed to maintain a clear conscience?

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Summarize your testimony in 3-4 words. How could you use today’s social media to communicate your faith in Jesus Christ?

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Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18