

OUTRAGEOUS OPENNESS

That's Outrageous! – Part 5 (Embracing Your Calling in an Age of Outrage)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

July 26, 2020

Outrageous Openness Means That...

1. We boldly share what God says and what we are expecting from Him.

When we brought the Good News to you, we came with more than words. We brought that Good News with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with the sure knowledge that it was true. Also you know how we lived when we were with you. We lived that way to help you. – 1 Thess. 1:5 ERV

My friends all laugh at me when I call on God and expect him to answer me. – Job 12:4 NCV

2. We share our homes, meals, resources and time with others.

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. – 1 Thess. 2:8 NIV

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. – 1 Thess. 1:6 NIV

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. – 1 Cor. 11:1 NIV

3. We are open about our pain, struggles, and failures as well as our victories.

And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. – 1 Thess. 1:7 NIV

I want to do what is good, but I don't do it. I don't do the good that I want to do. I do the evil that I don't want to do. – Rom. 7:18-19 ERV

But I must not be too proud of the wonderful things that were shown to me. So a painful problem was given to me—an angel from Satan, sent to make me suffer, so that I would not think that I am better than anyone else. I begged the Lord three times to take this problem away from me. But the Lord said, "My grace is all you need. Only when you are weak can everything be done completely by my power." So I will gladly boast about my weaknesses. Then Christ's power can stay in me. – 2 Cor. 12:7-9 ERV