

Saul of Tarsus: Preacher

The story of Jesus is the most important story in the world, and how his story impacts your story – is the most important story in your world

Acts: 26:24-30

²⁴ And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” ²⁵ But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” ²⁹ And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

Paul wanted the story of Jesus to collide with everyone else’s story through preaching.

Paul knew that, if Timothy would preach, he could bring the story of Jesus into the Story of Others.

Paul called Timothy to preach

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word;

Paul told Timothy how to preach

be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Paul told Timothy how not to Preach

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Paul told Timothy how to Live

⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

You need to let Jesus' Story Collide with yours

You need to bring Jesus' story into other people's stories by preaching

You need to know that the story you carry will either be validated or discredited by the life you live.