

How to Impact the World

Introduction

Impacts that have been made through biblical history from less-than-perfect people.

The Message (v.5a)

“our gospel”

Walk worthy (4:1, 4:3-8, 4:9-12, 4:13-5:11, 5:12-22)

The Delivery (v.5b)

“in power...in the Holy Spirit...with full conviction”

He loved them (2:3-12)

He wanted to be with them (2:17-18)

They were his pride and joy (2:19-3:2)

He wanted to see them mature in the faith (3:10-12)

The Reception (v.6)

They became imitators of Paul & the Lord (2:13-14a)

They received the message in tribulation (2:14b-15)

They received the message with the joy of the Spirit (3:4-9)

They received the message by the grace of God (1:2-4)

The Impact (vv.7-10)

They were an example to other believers in Macedonia and in Achaia (v.7)

They spoke the Word of God to others (v.8a)

Their faith in God went forth to every place (v.8b)

They now served the Lord (v.9)

They loved and eagerly waited for Jesus (v.10)

Conclusion

What aspects of this testimony can you relate to? Have you invested yourself in people to the point that you can relate to Paul in this passage?