



⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or o

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While not bidding on sports memorabilia, the Apostle Paul understood paying a high price. He was aware of the cost associated with his calling as a servant of the resurrected Christ. Not one to embrace a martyrdom complex, Paul knew from experience what it was to suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Paul also knew what would be demanded of his protégé, Timothy, if Timothy was to continue in his own calling.

Speaking from experience, the Apostle Paul understood this way of life was far from easy. He knew what it was to go through suffering because of his loyalty to a man who had been crucified and resurrected. In spite of that, he remained unashamed of the ministry of which he was a part. Having reflected upon his own experiences, Paul challenged Timothy (and us) to:

- Prayer Pebble:** Lord, you have called me by name and into a relationship with you. With this relationship comes a calling upon my life, a holy calling. Although this calling will present challenges before me and upon me, may I live into it as you supply me with strength. Amen.