Pathway Covenant

Imperfect people: the "shame droppers"



Becoming disciples of Jesus, living our Gospel S.T.O.R.I.E.S in Covenant Community.

A covenant community

Pathway is a community of imperfect people completely tainted by sin and living in a world that is not the way it is supposed to be. Among the litter of failed, counterfeit plotlines we are finding shalom, life as it was designed to be in the Gospel, the Good News, that Jesus Christ is King. This hope binds us together to live in the particular way of Jesus becoming more complete human beings whose fears, failures, and brokenness are healed by Christ. We covenant with God and one another to intentionally enter our world to be God's agents of restoration working towards our future hope when God will restore all of creation. We are bound together, willingly committing and obligating ourselves to each other. Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

- We worship.
- We grow as disciples.
- We participate as agents in God's mission.

Romans 5: 1-8

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we^[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



Romans 5: 9-11

□ "⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." (NIV)

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God's love has been poured into our hearts (cognitive and experiential)

We have peace, shalom, the beginning of life as it was intended.

The trials of our lives are understood in the context of this love and produces hope

This hope allows us to be free from shame as our fears, failures and brokenness is healed.

- We respond to God with our love, worship, and willing service
- We respond to the community Humility and Grace, we become "shame droppers"