

We Need To Reproof, Rebuke, and Exhort, Part 2

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

The Word Is Our Anchor

KEY VERSE:

2 Timothy 4:2 -- "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

REFLECTION:

I want to speak directly to your heart today. We live in a world that is constantly trying to pull us away from the truth of God's Word. Every day, the culture whispers that what you feel is more important than what God says. But I've watched this pattern destroy lives, marriages, and faith. The Word of God is not a suggestion -- it is our anchor. When I study and meditate on Scripture, I am not just reading old words. I am receiving light for a dark world. Peter himself said the prophetic word shines like a light in a dark place. Friend, whatever you are facing today -- confusion, pressure, doubt -- the Word has the answer. Don't let anyone or anything dilute its authority over your life. Stay grounded. Stay planted. The Word works.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for giving us Your Word as a lamp for our feet. Help me today to trust Scripture above my feelings, above the culture, and above every voice that contradicts Your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Read one chapter of Scripture today and write down one verse that speaks directly to something you are currently facing.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Guard the Gate of Your Mind

KEY VERSE:

Ephesians 2:2 -- "In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience."

REFLECTION:

I tell my congregation this all the time -- you have to guard the gate of your mind. Paul is crystal clear in Ephesians 2 that there is a real spiritual force working overtime to influence how you think and what you believe. It is not just unsaved people who face this pressure. Believers face it too. The media, the internet, the cultural noise -- it is all a hose aimed directly at your mind. I made a personal decision to refuse to let that hose soak my thinking. I would rather have my mind washed by the Word of God than polluted by the world's agenda. What you consistently think about shapes what you feel, and what you feel shapes what you do. Today, be intentional. Choose what gets access to your mind. You are not a passive recipient -- you are a

gatekeeper.

PRAYER:

Lord, help me to be a faithful gatekeeper over my own mind today. Show me what I need to remove and replace with Your truth. I want to think Your thoughts, not the world's. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one media source, social media account, or conversation pattern that consistently pulls your thinking away from God's Word, and take one step today to limit its access to you.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Contend for the Faith

KEY VERSE:

Jude 1:3 -- "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

REFLECTION:

I love the book of Jude. It is one of the most urgently relevant letters in the entire Bible. Jude sat down to write about the beauty of salvation, but the Holy Spirit redirected him. There was something more pressing -- the faith was under attack from within the church itself. Friend, I feel that same urgency today. The pressure to soften biblical truth, to make it more palatable, to adjust doctrine so the world approves -- that pressure is real and it is increasing. But Jude says contend earnestly. That word means to fight hard, to wrestle, to hold on. I am not talking about being mean-spirited or argumentative. I am talking about a deep, Spirit-filled conviction that what God says is true -- and worth standing for -- no matter the cost or the cultural consequence. Will you stand today?

PRAYER:

Father, give me the courage of Jude today -- a holy urgency to stand for Your truth with love and conviction. I don't want to drift. I want to contend. Strengthen me by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Share one biblical truth with someone today -- a friend, a family member, or even through a social media post -- with both love and confidence.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Who You Walk With Shapes Who You Become

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 7:15 -- "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are

ravenous wolves."

REFLECTION:

I have said it from the pulpit and I will say it here -- the biggest factor that changes your life is who you associate with. Period. Full stop. Underline it five times. Jesus Himself warned us in Matthew 7 that not everyone who looks trustworthy actually is. False teaching rarely arrives wearing a sign. It comes dressed in warmth, relatability, and spiritual language. I have watched good people slowly drift from truth because they spent too much time with voices that slowly, subtly pulled them away from Scripture. My wife and I made intentional choices about who our children surrounded themselves with. Those choices shaped everything. The same principle applies to you right now, at whatever stage of life you are in. Get close to people who love God more than they love the world. Let their faith stretch yours. Community is not just social -- it is spiritual.

PRAYER:

Lord, give me discernment about the voices I allow to speak into my life. Lead me to community that sharpens my faith and help me to be that kind of friend to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Reach out today to one person in your church community whose faith inspires you -- send a text, make a call, or set up a time to connect this week.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

The Path Gets Brighter

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 4:18 -- "But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."

REFLECTION:

I want to close this week by encouraging you deeply. Yes, the world is dark. Yes, the pressure is real. Yes, false teaching is everywhere and it is growing bolder. But here is what I know -- the path of the righteous gets brighter and brighter. That is God's promise to you. The more Word you get in you, the more light you carry. The more light you carry, the more clearly you see. And the more clearly you see, the more effectively you can live, love, and serve. I have watched young people -- barely twenty years old -- go to dangerous places and see the deaf hear and the paralyzed walk, all because they were full of the Word and bold in faith. That same God lives in you. This is not a season to shrink back. It is a season to shine. Keep pressing in. Keep getting the Word. The brightest days are still ahead.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You that Your plan for my life is more light, not less. Help me to keep pressing into Your Word, Your presence, and Your people so that I shine brighter every single day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

End your week by writing down three specific ways God has brought more light into your life this year -- and thank Him out loud for each one.