

ENTRUSTED  

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WITH THE GOSPEL

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- Being entrusted with something usually means its valuable
- What's the value of the Gospel?
- The power of life
- The riches of Christ
- Keys of the Kingdom
- Eternity with God
- Confident and fearless life with Christ today

- Entrusted is a common idea in Scripture
- That we are entrusted by God with something
- Entrusted with the Gospel; what is the Gospel?
- Euangelion= good news; God's story
- Evangelism= to proclaim; spoken word

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1~4

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit; <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.

- What is the Gospel? (I Cor. 15:1~4)
- We've been given the Gospel to GO
- The entire mission is centered around Christ
- A New Testament Christian is one who goes

- Verse 2~ mistreated is an understatement (Acts 16)
- This trust causes us to think bigger, not smaller
- This trust gives us boldness
- This trust is worth hard work
- Thessalonica had altars and religions to almost every kind of God
- We can insist on the Gospel when others tell us that we must be wrong

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8 <sup>5</sup> For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness— <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup> But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children. <sup>8</sup> Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.



- This trust enables me to be pleased to give myself away to others
- We often get to incarnate the Gospel (facts in the context of living life with others)
- Does this idea please you?
- What are you wrapped up in that keeps you giving yourself away to others?
- We've been entrusted with the Gospel and our life situations and our relationships
- ...To give ourselves away!

- How am I doing with what's been entrusted to me?
- God has put into our trust the loving and gracious message of the cross.... To live and give the Gospel!

## 2 Corinthians 5:19

<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.