

## **Warumi 8: 12-25**

*"Haki" zinaonekana wazi, wokovu na uhuru kutoka kwa Sini na Kifo, lakini vipi kuhusu "majukumu?" Katika mstari wa 17, Paulo anaweka nje: sisi ni warithi pamoja na Kristo "ikiwa, kwa kweli, tunakabiliwa naye Ili tuweze pia kutukuzwa pamoja naye. "Kusubiri, nini? Mambo yalikuwa yanaenda vizuri, Paulo! Lugha hii yote nzuri kuhusu wokovu, uhuru wetu kutoka kwa Dhambi na Kifo kwa sababu Kristo amehusika na dhambi, na unakwenda na kutupa mateso kwenye meza? Kwa Paulo, ni dhahiri kuwa kuwa sehemu ya familia inamaanisha kuishi katika njia ya familia ya kufanya mambo, na kwa ajili ya familia ya Mungu, hiyo inamaanisha uaminifu kwa Mungu, hata hadi kufa. Wokovu na utii wa kutembea njia ya Yesu, inayoongozwa na Roho, hawapatikani. Swali Paulo anatushazimisha kuuliza katika kifungu hiki sio, "Ninaendaje mbinguni"? La. Lazima tuulize, "Je, ninaishi katika utambulisho wangu na kuwaita kama mtoto wa Mungu, msimamizi wa uumbaji wa Mungu? Je, ninaenda katika maisha mapya na kuwa wakala wa upatanisho katika ulimwengu wa Mungu hapa na sasa " (Lobdell, 2017)?*

Theolojia ni mazungumzo yanayoendelea. Ni muhimu na kupatikana kwa kila mtu. J. Kenneth Grider alifundisha teolojia katika semina ya Nazarene The Nazarene miaka 38. Alipenda kusema "theologia lazima ivaa overalls." Ni lazima iunganishe na watu halisi katika maisha ya kila siku, au labda sio maana. Bwana ni imara na imara. Tunaweza kumtoa Hatari kwa kila mtu, popote tunapoenda.

**Wiki ijayo:** Mchungaji Scott Shaw akihubiri. Luka 8: 4-15

## **Romans 8:12-25**

*The "rights" seem clear, salvation and freedom from Sin and Death, but what about the "responsibilities?" In vs. 17, Paul lays it out: we are co-heirs with Christ "if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." Wait, what? Things were going so smoothly, Paul! All this beautiful language about salvation, our freedom from Sin and Death because Christ has dealt with sin, and you go and throw suffering on the table? For Paul, it's clear that to be a part of the family means to live into the family way of doing things, and for the family of God, that means faithfulness to God, even unto death. Salvation and submission to walking the Jesus way, led by the Spirit, are inseparable. The question Paul forces us to ask in the passage is not, "how do I get to heaven"? No. We must ask, "am I living into my identity and calling as a child of God, a steward of God's creation? Am I walking in newness of life and being an agent of reconciliation in God's world here and now" (Lobdell, 2017)?*

Theology is an ongoing conversation. It's useful and accessible for everyone. J. Kenneth Grider taught theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary 38 years. He was fond of saying "theology must wear overalls." It must connect with real people in everyday life, or else it is irrelevant. The Lord is sturdy and durable. We can risk offering Him to everyone, everywhere we go.

**Next week:** Pastor Scott Shaw preaching. Luke 8:4-15

**Julai 23, 2017** Wokovu, Ndugu, Maumivu, Usimamizi

Kama watoto wa Mungu wenye kukubali kiroho, sisi kama jumuiya ya imani-kanisa-lazima tuonyeshe ukarimu, upendo, wema na utakatifu katika yote tunayofanya na kusema ... kuishi kama Baba yetu, Mwana wake na Roho.

Katika nguvu tunayopokea kutoka kwa Roho Mtakatifu, tunaweza kutoa 'siku mpya' kwa jumuiya yetu na kanisa letu, lililowekwa na ukuaji, nguvu na maisha yaliyobadilishwa.

Mungu anaitua sisi wote tutegemee Yeye na tutaungana pamoja kama mwili mmoja. Kuishi maisha yake katika jirani na kuonyesha neema yake.

Je! Bwana na kanisa lake wanawezaje kuwa kipaumbele kipya katika maisha na mazoezi yako?

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Je, ni vipi vya maisha yako ya zamani kama yatima wewe unamshikilia?

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Je! Kuna chochote kinachokuzuia kumwamini Yesu kwa maisha yako yote? Kuzuia kutoka kwa kuishi kama mrithi-mrithi pamoja na Kristo? Mpe Yeye.

"... kuwa huru kutoka utumwa wa kuoza na kuingia uhuru wa utukufu wa watoto wa Mungu." Waroma 8:21

**July 23, 2017** Salvation, Siblings, Suffering, Stewardship

As spiritually adopted children of God, we as the community of faith—the church—must demonstrate generosity, love, kindness and holiness in all we do and say... live like our Father, His Son and Spirit.

In the power we receive from the Holy Spirit, we can offer a 'new day' to our community and our church, marked by growth, vitality and transformed lives.

God is calling us all to lean on Him and pull together as one body. To live His life in the neighborhood and demonstrate His grace.

How can the Lord and His church become a new priority in your life and practice?

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To what trappings of your old life as an orphan are you clinging?

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Is there anything preventing you from trusting Jesus with all of your life? Preventing you from living as a fellow-heir with Christ? Give it to Him.

"...be set free from slavery to decay and enter the glorious freedom of God's children." Romans 8:21