



Unashamed



SUMMARY | Shame and honor formed some of the biggest issues in the cultural context of the Bible. So, we shouldn't be surprised to find that language popping up in the Scriptures.

In this episode of Discover the Word, we want to consider together the surprising ways in which God is not ashamed of us, and how we are called to be unashamed of Him.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. In much of the world today—as in Bible times—shame and honor are vital concerns. This is, in part, because life is viewed more on the basis of community than individuality. How does the Western lens of the individual differ so dramatically from the Eastern lens of community (family, village, etc.)?
2. [Read Hebrews 11:16](#). As the writer describes God's relationship with His children, is it surprising that He is not ashamed to be called their God? Why?
3. [Read Hebrews 2:11](#). What does it say of Christ's love for us that He is not ashamed to be called our brother?
4. [Read Romans 1:16](#). Because crucifixion was considered both humiliating and disgraceful, Paul's declaration that he is not ashamed of the gospel would undoubtedly have shocked his first hearers. Why would the thought of a crucified God have been a difficult message to present in ancient Rome?

Challenge



Have you ever been embarrassed to be identified as a follower of Jesus? Ask God to embolden your faith in Him that you might be His ambassador. Then think of one family member or friend and ask them if you could share why you became a follower of Jesus. You can do this through a card, an email, a phone call, or over coffee or a meal. You don't have to have all the answers. Just share your

Commit To Memory



“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

[Romans 1:16](#)

Prayer



I am amazed, Father, that You are not ashamed to call us Your children. Help me to likewise be unashamed to be called Your child, and enable me to live and speak for You as You give me opportunity. Amen.

