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“The Four Pillars”

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Memory Verse: Psalm 100:4

Big Idea: We are to engage in the four pillars as we follow Christ.

I. We Proclaim the Authority of God’s Word without Apology (2 Timothy 3:16-4:2)

- A. God wrote a book! It is inspired (breathed out by God).
- B. God speaks to us with authority in his Word.
- C. Authority—the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.

II. We Lift High the Name of Jesus through Worship (John 4:23-24)

- A. Psalm 100
- B. Worship takes place when we set our mind’s attention and heart’s affection on God and praise him for who he is and for what he has done for us through Jesus Christ.
- C. True theology brings light to the mind and heat to the heart.

III. We Believe Firmly in the Power of Prayer (Ephesians 6:18)

- A. “No person can be a child of God without living in secret prayer; and no community of Christians can be in a healthy condition without unity in prayer” (Robert Murray M’Cheyne).
- B. “Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church” (Charles Spurgeon).

IV. We Proclaim the Good News of Jesus with Boldness (Ephesians 6:19-20)

- A. “Evangelism is the teaching of the gospel with the aim to persuade” (J. Mack Stiles).
- B. 2 Timothy 1:7
- C. What is our evangelism strategy?
- D. Acts 2:32
- E. Do you know the gospel?
- F. Can you explain the gospel?
- G. With whom do you need to sow the gospel seed?

Conclusion

- A. These are four pillars or foundational elements of who we are at Crawford Baptist Church.
- B. The Gospel Definition