

WORTH FIGHTING FOR

OPEN HEART | LIVING IN CHRIST WITH NOTHING TO HIDE 2 CORINTHIANS 11

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PASSION TO PROTECT FAITH

When faith in Jesus Christ is at risk, we are called to contend for that faith. Do you have passion to protect people's faith in your life?

- Paul contended for the Corinthians as he did for all of the churches and the Good News (Phil. 1:7, 16)
- Do you contend for your kid's faith, your neighbor's, your school, your city, or the next generation's faith? Where are you passionately speaking out to defend the faith?

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

2 Cor. 11:1-4 No Corruption, No Deception

- Paul pictured himself as a father of this church. He pictured them as a bride, affianced to one husband, Jesus.
- He had a healthy fear of corruption by deception. They put up with too many messages and could not discern truth from error.
 1. They needed to know the truth about Jesus (V4)
 2. They needed to know the true work of the Spirit (V4)
 3. They needed to know the true Gospel (V4)
 4. They needed to know the work of the enemy (14)

TAKING A BULLET

2 Cor. 11:19-21 Sacrificial Love

- A leader like Jesus will lay down their life for others. They needed to realize that they were being mistreated by false teachers.
 - *Enslaves you, takes everything from you, takes advantage of you, takes control over you, and slaps you in the face.*
 - *Paul took great pains for them (Vv 23-29). The true Gospel will set you free, lift you up, call you to self-control, and grace your face with love.*

FAITH WORTH FIGHTING FOR

As parents we have 3000 waking hours to build up our kids faith. We must use them.

- We are called to build up and contend for the faith of the kids at The Shoreline Church.
 - 3 little 'churches' need us: Kid's, Middle School and High School. We are seeing 93.25 students per Sunday and 298.4 kids per Sunday.

NO CORRUPTION, NO DECEPTION

1. Parents are the greatest influence on their kids' faith.
2. True faith is a trust relationship. The most important conversations we can have with our kids will answer the questions, "What does it look like to trust God in _____ situation?"
3. Kids need friends and caring adults who are living in the faith. Stay vitally connected!