40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 18

The Greek word "dunamis" is used 120 times in the New Testament. Loosely, the word refers to "strength, power, or ability." It is the root word of our English words dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic.

My birthday is on the Fourth of July, and every year my friends and I were on the hunt for the biggest, brightest and coolest fireworks we could find out there. We would see who could get the best fireworks in the neighborhood based on who had the loudest and brightest.

Here Paul uses the term "dunamis" for the word power in an effort to describe the power of the Gospel. How could you be ashamed of something so beautiful? That's like being ashamed of big, loud, and bright fireworks that even if people don't like them they still see it because its hard to ignore something so bright and powerful.

Be unashamed of the dunamis power inside you, which is why the Holy Spirit dwells in you for outward work. Be loud in your faith, and be bright in the Gospel.

- Pastor Jonathan Slade

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."



– Romans 1:16-17