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THE FREEDOM OF SHAME

For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.
John 12:37-50

John 12:44-50 Jesus last public call/The witness of the Son

12:44 But Jesus shouted out, "The one who believes in me does not believe in me, but in the one who sent me, 12:45 and the one who sees me sees the one who sent me. 12:46 I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness. 12:47 If anyone hears my words and does not obey them, I do not judge him. For I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not accept my words has a judge; the word I have spoken will judge him at the last day. 12:49 For I have not spoken from my own authority, but the Father himself who sent me has commanded me what I should say and what I should speak. 12:50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. Thus the things I say, I say just as the Father has told me."

Stories and the Big Idea: The Shame of a New Allegiance.

There is a shame that we must learn to deal with if we are to truly follow and obey Jesus. 1 Corinthians 4:10-13

SCRIPTURES: *Two sections*

John 12:36b-43 The rejection of Jesus/Unbelief of the people

12:37 Although Jesus had performed so many miraculous signs before them, they still refused to believe in him, 12:38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled. He said, "**Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**" 12:39 For this reason they could not believe, because again Isaiah said,

12:40 "He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their heart,

so that they would not see with their eyes

and understand with their heart,

and turn to me, and I would heal them."

12:41 Isaiah said these things because he saw Christ's glory, and spoke about him.

12:42 Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess Jesus to be the Christ, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue. 12:43 For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Jesus is also calling to us.

Embrace _____.

