



Tom preaching at Florida State University, February 29.

# NOT ASHAMED

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College can be an intimidating place for a young person. The pressure to fit in and be accepted is overwhelming, and to be “accepted” on campus often involves one of two things: following the rebellious crowd who openly considers sin to be fun or joining the proud crowd who considers themselves intelligent and who despises faith and sees it as a weakness.

Many Christians thrown into this environment simply keep quiet about their faith. To identify with Christ opens them up to the ridicule of being either boring or dumb. Although they wouldn’t want to admit it, they are ashamed of Christ and His gospel.

And yet, the gospel is the “power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). Think of that: the God who created the universe with a word; the God who is the source of all life; the God who raised Jesus from the dead tells us that His power is seen through the gospel message making you and me alive. Obviously, this is nothing to be ashamed of!

One of the most significant aspects of our public campus ministry is that we are not ashamed of Christ and His gospel. Consequently, believers gain a confidence that following Christ is the right way to live. Indeed, it is the superior way to live! Faith in God and His Word is nothing to be ashamed of. To live as God tells us to is nothing to be ashamed of. Actually, the life of sin and pride is foolish and, sooner or later, it will fail every person who takes that route.

Fear is contagious, but faith, confidence and boldness are contagious, too. I pray that students will catch a dose of my confidence in Christ and as such will unashamedly live for Christ—even when facing ridicule, mocking and rejection. I believe it takes a backbone to live for Christ, and I challenge the students to have one! I assure them that if they are on God’s side, they are a winner—even if the whole world is against them. It may not always seem that way, but the final Day—the Day that really counts—will reveal this reality.



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“I don’t think happiness is the goal of life. Happiness is about me. Love is about you. Love asks, “What can I do for you?” The reality is that most of the things in life that we think will make us happy come with a very high price tag.”

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“It’s easy for us to look back at slavery and judge them by saying ‘I would have never done that.’ And yet every generation has its evil to confront today. We have a terrible, horrible evil going on in America today. It’s called abortion. The question is not what would you have done 50 years ago, but what will you do with the evil that you are presented with.”

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# SPRING INTERNS



Nearly every day, some student who really wants to do right tells us how encouraged he is by our work and witness. So many young people are just waiting for someone to stand up and lead them in the way they should go. Lacking this leadership, many just go with the flow down the path, heading towards destruction.

I thank you for your faithful support of our ministry. Without your prayers and financial support, we could not be on the front-lines doing what we do. With your partnership, we are touching life after life, day after day, with the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you for partnering with us in this worthy mission.

Not ashamed of our Lord,



*Tom*

Tom Short



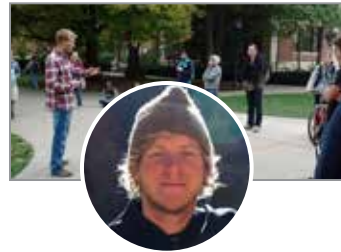
**RICH SUPLITA**

Rich is returning for his second internship with TSCM and is seeking to develop a campus ministry using the Truth on Display campaign.



**CAMERON MARROW**

Cameron is a young guy looking for a great experience in evangelism and spiritual growth.



**RYAN CAVANAUGH**

After a powerful, life-transforming internship last fall, Ryan is returning for a second semester of the Truth on Display intern program.

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March 21 - April 1

## PRAY FOR US

1. People are highly engaged in our nation's political dialogue. Students are bringing up lots of questions that lead right back to "what does the Bible say?" – questions about socialism, Islam, corruption, character of leaders, etc. There seems to be a growing awareness that we are facing big problems. All of this presents opportunities to show the relevance of the Bible and the need for God. Pray that I can make these points clearly, persuasively and in a way that points people back to God and His Word.
2. Pray for salvations. Although we have had a good first three weeks of ministry, we've not seen very many new professions of faith. Our intern team is smaller and often these salvations occur in private conversation. Pray that God brings us open, receptive people and that we not only sow the Word but that we will reap as well.



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