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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND
A VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

"Faithfulness to God's Calling"
ACTS 20:1- 13 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

Faithfulness to God's calling means continuing to move forward in what He has called us to do, regardless of opposition, changing circumstances, or the unexpected. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called "Full Send," Pastor Jake teaches a message from Acts Chapter 20 entitled "Faithfulness to God's Calling" that includes 5 takeaways from God's Word that we can apply in our lives.

Faithfulness to God's calling...

1) Encourages others
2) Keeps a believer moving forward despite opposition
3) Prioritizes gathering around the Word
4) Trusts Jesus when the unexpected happens
5) Stays focused on the mission

We hope this message encourages you to remain steadfast in the work God has given you, trust Him through every circumstance, and stay focused on His mission as you faithfully run the race set before you.

KEY VERSE:

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)

4:12

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Text: Acts 20:17–24
Cross-References: Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:1–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Philippians 2:12–13
Discuss: In Acts 20:24, Paul describes his life as something he has received from God for a specific purpose. What does this reveal about how Paul viewed his life and its ultimate ownership? According to Ephesians 2:10, what does God prepare beforehand for believers to walk in?

Text: Acts 20:22–24
Cross-References: Proverbs 3:5–6; John 15:4–5; 2 Corinthians 3:5–6; Philippians 4:13
Discuss: Paul knew that suffering and difficulty awaited him, yet he continued toward Jerusalem. What does this reveal about his source of confidence? In John 15:5, Jesus says that apart from Him we can do nothing. How does this relate to the kind of faithfulness Paul demonstrates?

Text: Acts 20:22–24
Cross-References: Acts 5:40–42; Acts 18:9–10; Philippians 1:27–30; 2 Timothy 3:10–12
Discuss: Philippians 1:29 says believers have been granted not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for His sake. Why does Scripture connect faithfulness and suffering so closely? Why does opposition often tempt Christians to question whether they are actually doing God's will? How can we distinguish between legitimate correction from God and opposition that comes simply because we are faithfully standing on biblical truth?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7–8
Cross-References: Matthew 25:21; Hebrews 12:1–3; Philippians 3:13–14
Discuss: What do you believe God has entrusted to you in this season of your life? Where are you currently tempted to quit, compromise, become distracted, or pursue something other than what God has placed before you?

REFLECTIONS

1) What responsibility, opportunity, relationship, or area of ministry has God currently entrusted to you? Write it down and identify one way you can be more faithful to it this week.

2) What criticism, rejection, inconvenience, or disappointment most easily discourages you? Identify it and decide beforehand how you will respond biblically the next time it happens.

3) Who has God placed in your life who needs encouragement, prayer, discipleship, or practical help? Contact that person this week and intentionally encourage or serve them.