

SERMON NOTES

October 3 & 4, 2026

Back to Basics: Be Faithful Philippians 3:13-14

Who/what am I faithful to?

What is my calling?

What does it mean to be faithful?

1. _____ response instead of _____ response.

Acts 16:9-10

2. I lean into my calling even _____.

Acts 16:22-24

3. No matter what, _____!

Acts 16:25

Daily challenge: Don't just _____; _____.

Life Steps

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Monday

Philippians 3:12-14

Reflect: Paul's life was so centered on pursuing God's calling on his life; he never stopped. He was relentless, always looking to what's next. As you think about God's calling on your life, how will that orient your day today? What is one simple way you can live out your calling today and be the gospel?

Prayer: Father God, remind me that I am called. Remind me what my calling is. Give me the strength today to be faithful to that calling.

Tuesday

Acts 16:6-10

Reflect: God called. Paul answered right away, no questions asked. Take a moment this morning and reflect on your calling. Ask yourself, "Is there something God has called me to do and I have delayed my response?" What can you do today to take a step in responding to God's direction?

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Wednesday

Acts 16:16-24

Reflect: As a Roman citizen, Paul had every right to cry foul, lean on his privilege as a Roman citizen, and remove himself from this torture. But he doesn't. He is patient in affliction, trusting there is a greater purpose for him being in that prison on that day. What are the places in your life that you struggle to not lean on your own advantage or leverage to make things easier for you? What might it look like to live out the gospel in these situations?

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Thursday

Acts 16:25

Reflect: Paul was faithful to his calling regardless of his circumstances. In the lowest points, Paul chose to praise God, not to escape his conditions, but to remain faithful and to invite God into his conditions. Reflect on a recent time when you chose praise instead of worry or fear. How did that help shape your understanding of the gospel?

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Friday

Matthew 26:17-19

Reflect: So much of living out the gospel means being available and just saying yes. We read this story and focus on Jesus' instructions and the disciples carrying them out. But what about the 'certain man' who hosted the Last Supper? We don't know his name. We don't know anything about him. And yet, his impact on the gospel is immense. He quietly served. He quietly lived out the gospel. What are ways you can quietly live out the gospel today?

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Saturday

Mark 6:35-44

Reflect: Often, we look at our limited resources and use that as an excuse for why we can't live out the calling Jesus has given us. What if the disciples on this day used their limitations as an excuse? How many people would have gone hungry on that day? How many people would've missed out on experiencing the power of God? Where are the places in your calling that you focus on what you don't have instead of focusing on the provision of God?

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Sunday

Psalms 119:57-62

Reflect: Wherever life finds you today, look back on your week of living out God's calling on your life. Reflect on the ways God used you this past week to help connect someone else to Jesus' love. Bring your victories. Bring your defeats. Bring everything with you today as you give thanks to God in praise with others!

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