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Acts 13 – 26 Sermon Series

Supports Session 13: Trust

Sermon Title: “How to Live God’s Calling” (Acts 28:11-31)

Connection to Session 13

We see Paul live out his calling to share the gospel with the Gentiles in Acts 28. This passage has important truths for believers today as we seek to live out our calling to share the same gospel.

Introduction/Opening

Can I share one important truth as we begin? Here it is: If you are in Christ, you are called to the gospel. Jesus sent us, and we are to follow. This is true no matter where you are in life. If there’s anyone who could complain, it was Paul the apostle. But he didn’t, and amid challenges he thrived. Even to the last recordings of his life, Paul shared the gospel with anyone and everyone. Can we do the same? Absolutely! Here are some questions that you can ask yourself as you seek to live God’s calling.

Outline

1. Where has God placed you? (Acts 28:11-16)

- a. Your life is a journey.
 - i. It may not be a journey where you want to go, but you are where God wants you.
 1. Your workplace. Your neighborhood. Your church. Your family. God places you where you are for a reason.
 2. Paul’s reason for being in Rome was to share Jesus (Rom. 1:16-17).
 - ii. Bloom where you are planted.
- b. You have a reason for being where you are.
 - i. Your reason is to share Jesus with as many people as you can, in any way that you can, whatever it takes.
 - ii. Bloom where you are planted.

2. Who has God brought to you? (Acts 28:17-28)

- a. See where God is leading.
 - i. Paul met with the Jewish leaders in the area.
 - ii. God undoubtedly brought people to Paul for him to speak with.
 1. These are influential Jews in the area, who then brought great numbers of others to hear Paul teach.
 2. Paul started with the Word—speaking the truth in love and sharing the gospel of Jesus to them.

- a. From morning until evening, Paul did not stop (v. 23).
 - b. Paul was equipped to do this. He'd received training, but most of all, he was qualified by Jesus to do this.
 - i. In the same way, you are equally qualified by the Spirit (1 Cor. 1:20-22; 1 John 2:20,27).
- b. Join God in His work.
 - i. Paul joined God by teaching the people and some believed.
 - ii. In the same way, you can join God as He leads you.
 - 1. Seek Him in prayer and in the Word.
 - 2. Pray for opportunities.
 - 3. Open your eyes to work around you.
 - a. Seek to be trained.
 - b. Never stop learning.
 - 4. Share your story.
 - a. You have full authority to share your story with people.
 - i. Even if you've had struggles in life, God never wastes a hurt.
 - ii. Instead, use it as a testimony of His grace.
 - iii. Adrian Rogers said, "God takes the hurts and turns them into hallelujahs."¹
 - b. Look to see who God has brought to you and join God at work.

3. How might God be best glorified through you? (Acts 28:30-31)

- a. Glorify God no matter what.
 - i. Paul's final few years were spent glorifying God in whatever circumstance God placed him.
 - ii. Even as he experienced a thorn in his side, he proclaimed the gospel.
- b. You have a life mission to glorify Christ.
 - i. Do this through the gospel.
 - ii. Do this no matter what.
 - 1. Paul openly taught out of his home while on house arrest.
 - 2. The very thing he was in prison for, the supposed heresy of the gospel of Christ, he was doing right out of his home.
 - 3. This was a man on mission!
 - iii. Where you are, who you are around, and no matter the circumstance, God has a place for you to serve Him.
 - iv. Do this to glorify His name.

Conclusion

When people think of Paul, they think the gospel. Let me ask you: what will people remember about you – your mission? What is your legacy? You have a chance to leave a legacy that goes far beyond anything you have today. That is the legacy that never perishes. Never fades. It is the legacy of serving Jesus well.

¹ <https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/love-worth-finding/read/articles/god-turns-our-hurts-into-hallelujahs-18755.html>

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