



“Called Where You Are”

August 23, 2026 | Text: 1 Corinthians 7:17–24

Big Idea: God’s calling is not first about finding something extraordinary to do, but faithfully serving Him in the ordinary responsibilities He has already entrusted to you.

I. YOUR CALLING BEGINS WITH GOD, NOT WITH YOU (vs. 17).

- A. Vocation means calling.
- B. God calls us through providence.
- C. Your present calling is larger than your job.

II. YOU DO NOT NEED A DIFFERENT LIFE TO FAITHFULLY SERVE GOD (vs. 18-20).

- A. Christianity does not require you to become someone else before you can serve God.
- B. The Reformation recovered the dignity of ordinary calling.
- C. Obedience matters more than status.

III. YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CHANGE, BUT YOUR MASTER DOES NOT (vs. 21-23).

- A. Contentment is not passivity.
- B. A change of circumstances cannot give you what only Christ can give.
- C. “You were bought with a price.”

IV. FAITHFULNESS BEGINS WHERE GOD HAS ALREADY PUT YOU (vs. 24).

- A. God is present in the ordinary place.
- B. Stop waiting for your real life to begin.
- C. Look at what is already in your hands.
- D. Faithfulness is more important than visibility.

CONCLUSION: THE CALLING IN FRONT OF YOU

Week 1 God made you for meaningful work.

Week 2: God works through ordinary human work.

Week 3: You do not have to go searching for an extraordinary life before any of that can begin.

Three Questions:

1. What has God already given me to do?
2. Who has God already given me to love?
3. What would faithfulness look like today?

Next week’s sermon text: Colossians 3:17-4:1

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: What responsibilities are you neglecting while looking for something “bigger”? Are you serving God faithfully now, or waiting for circumstances to change? Which current calling in your life needs greater faithfulness from you? Where has comparison caused you to despise what God has given you? If you were “bought with a price,” what are you still asking success to prove? What does faithfulness look like today?

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