

## ORDINATION SERVICE

### II Corinthians 6:3-4

#### I. THE CHALLENGE:

Remain faithful...regardless of the circumstances.

*“Giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the **ministry will not be discredited**, but in everything commending ourselves as **servants of God**, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses...”*

~II Corinthians 6:3-4

He is not just the God of our *good times*. He is the God of *all times*. Which means he’s also the God of our *worst times*.

*“I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.”*

~Philippians 4:12

He is not just God when we *abound*, as **Paul** writes in **Philippians 4:12**, but also when we are *brought low*. He is God when we have *plenty to eat* and when we *experience hunger*. He is God in our *abundance* and God in our *need*. He is God in *any and every circumstance*, and this is wonderfully good news...because life is so much more than just the good times.

#### II Corinthians 4:8-9...

- We are *afflicted in every way*...but not *crushed*.
- *Perplexed*...but not *despairing*.
- *Persecuted*...but not *forsaken*.
- *Struck down*...but not *destroyed*...

*“Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”*

~II Corinthians 6:10

Regardless of the circumstances that you find yourself in...be able to see God in the midst of those *trials, tests, tribulations*, and *circumstances*. Sometimes the only thing that you will have to hold on to is your calling...the fact that you have been called.

*“Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by **faith** into this **grace** in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also **exult** in our **tribulations**, knowing that tribulation brings about **perseverance**; and perseverance, **proven character**; and proven character, **hope**; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

~Romans 5:1-5

*“Consider it **all joy**, my brethren, when you encounter **various trials**, knowing that the testing of your faith produces **endurance**. And let endurance have its **perfect result**, so that you may be **perfect and complete**, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

~James 1:2-5

#### II. THE CHARGE:

*“I solemnly **charge** you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **preach the word**; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort**, with **great patience and instruction**. **For the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”*

~II Timothy 4:1-5

#### Preach the Word of God...

- *Be Prepared*...read, study, meditate, preach.
- *Be a Pastor*...teach to flock...build up the body...disciple...**John 21** (*Tend the lambs...Shepherd the sheep...Tend the sheep*).

- ***Be Patient***...don't have an agenda...don't change things overnight, respect the people and tradition. Make sure that the people see and know that God is at work and not a pastor's philosophy.

**FINALLY**...hold yourselves accountable (accountability partners).

***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”***

~I Corinthians 15:58

### **III. CHURCH:**

***“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.”***

~Hebrews 13:17

### **SUMMARY:**

- **Be Faithful.**
- **Be Obedient.**
- **Be Accountable.**