

## COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Acts 20:24, 28

II Corinthians 6:3-4

### THE CALLING:

*“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God...Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”*

~Acts 20:24, 28

### THE COMMISSIONING:

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

### THE CHALLENGE:

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.

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are **afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...**”*

~II Corinthians 4:7-9

- 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

*“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

### SUMMARY:

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