

Be Faithful/ Stay Faithful

John 15:26-16:4

Please turn to John 15:26, pg. 902

Main Point- 1. Be biblical 2. Stay biblical 3. Be faithful 4. Stay faithful

Last week. 1. Be biblical 2. Stay biblical

God has changed us positionally

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son Colossians 1:13

And our authority, our constitution, is scripture.

SLIDE FULL SCREEN

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:14–17

FULL VIDEO

1. **Be biblical.** not to go beyond what is written. 1 Corinthians 4:6

-Where the Bible is specific, be specific. Where it is ambiguous, be ambiguous.

1. Be biblical 2. Stay biblical

Based on God changing our **position**, we now have a changed **perspective**.

We need to have a bigger picture. This is what it means to **Stay biblical**. And when we remember, bad stuff is going to happen, but God is in control, he is good and he loves me, it helps us to keep a biblical perspective based on the truth of his word. AND... your not alone.

Please stand for the reading of the word.

Read 15:26-16:15

This is the word of the Lord, Thanks be....

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Why are we still here? Jesus even prays this.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. John 17:15

We align ourselves with the Holy Spirit, and are now ON MISSION with HIM.

READ vs. 26B

Mission Statement-We are a Family who exist for people to find and follow Jesus

We are a family-Positional change. Why we exist.

4 for's 1. For people 2. For people to Find Jesus 3. For People to Follow Jesus 4. FOR JESUS

Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19–20

This is what we are faithful to. This is why we exist.

This is not our home! **We are pilgrims in the land.**

FULL SLIDE

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:9–12

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:19–23

Remember who we are, remember why we are here... AND **(FULL VIDEO)**

BE FAITHFUL

Trustworthy, dependable, reliable, consistent. Long obedience in one direction.

It's what separates the men from the boys concerning Christian maturity.

-A 100 year old lady was asked the day she turn a century old, what advice would you give in all her years. She thought for some time and said, "Just show up". She went on to explain in so many words... Be faithful.

Be faithful to who you are, and be faithful to your calling.

Read vs. 16:1-4

BE FAITHFUL, STAY FAITHFUL

I am fairly confident we will not experience the tribulation that these 11 disciples did. Church history would say, **Peter was crucified upside down** because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus Christ.

All but John, our author this morning, died for their faith. *It is said that Roman emperor Domitian commanded that the apostle John be boiled to death in oil,*

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but John only continued to preach from within the pot and was banished to the island of Patmos.

It would be a glorious thing to die for Christ. It is also a glorious thing to live for him.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

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Application.

1. Be biblical. Read your bible. Study your bible. Get a study bible to help you understand it in context. The ESV study bible is a great resource. The bible app by Life.Church has reading plans. Memorize scripture.

2. Stay biblical Let the text inform you on how to live, and the way you look at life.

3. Be faithful Align your purpose in life with the Spirit's and share your life with Christ with others. Remember we are a family who exist for people to find and follow Jesus!

4. Stay faithful Just show up, all the time, fight the good fight, Keep the faith.

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Theology of wearing a mask.