



¹Then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he became acquainted with a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently arrived from Italy with his wife, Priscilla. They had left Italy when Claudius Caesar deported all Jews from Rome. ³Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers just as he was. ⁴Each Sabbath found Paul at the synagogue, trying to convince the Jews and Greeks alike. ⁵And after Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul spent all his time preaching the word. He testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed and insulted him, Paul shook the dust from his clothes and said, ‘Your blood is upon your own heads—I am innocent. From now on I will go preach to the Gentiles.’ ⁷Then he left and went to the home of Titius Justus, a Gentile who worshiped God and lived next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized. ⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, ‘Don’t be afraid! Speak out! Don’t be silent! ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to me.’ ¹¹So Paul stayed there for the next year and a half, teaching the word of God.

Acts 18:1-11

The Big Idea

God is _____

God's Faithfulness Doesn't Mean That He
_____ Us From _____, But That
He _____ Us _____ Them

God's Word To The Weary

God is faithful. . .

1. To provide _____ so we don't have to _____
 2. To provide _____ to _____
 3. To provide _____ when we don't understand what _____
- He promised Paul. . .
- His _____
 - His _____
 - His _____

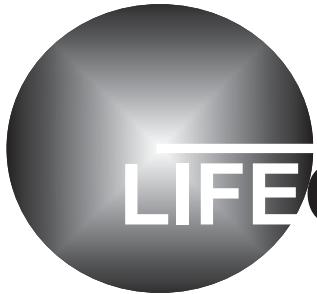
Memory Verse

“If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.
2 Timothy 2:13

MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize 2 Timothy 2:13
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group
- Thank God for his faithfulness





LIFE GROUPS

Discussion Questions - Week #1

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "God's Word To The Weary", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- The message this weekend was called "God's Word To The Weary." When you feel physically, mentally, or emotionally weary, what do you do to experience, rest and renewal?
- Share a time when someone in your life came alongside you to carry a load you didn't feel you could bear alone.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the weekend message, Pastor Rick preached on God's faithfulness. While the word faithfulness is not central to Isaiah 55, the theme of God's faithfulness certainly is. Read Isaiah 55 together. What stands out to you in this passage?

How do you see God demonstrate His faithfulness in the text?

Where have you seen God show His faithfulness in your life?

What might it mean to spend money on "what is not bread" and "labor on what does not satisfy" (v.2)?

How might this passage give you peace and comfort for the challenges you face?

2. The book of Philippians could be considered a tutorial on enduring trials faithfully. Its author Paul writes while enduring the trial of imprisonment. His audience, the church in Philippi, was enduring the trial of persecution. Read Philippians 1:27-2:4. In the face of suffering, Paul admonishes that we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel (v.27). What do you think that means?

What provisions does God supply to sustain the Philippians through their trials?

Have you ever experienced unity with other believers that enabled you to endure the trials you've faced?

How do you think we cultivate that unity as a church?

How could you increasingly adopt the attitude that suffering for Christ is a privilege that has been granted you (v.29)?

FOR PRACTICE

In Mark 2, we're told the story of four friends carrying a paralytic to Jesus. Undaunted by their inability to enter the house, they climb to the roof, peel back a section, and lower him down to the Lord. The passage emphasizes Jesus' authority to forgive. It also demonstrates how God is faithful to provide friends, so we don't have to go it alone. Friendships are vital in facing our trials with faithfulness. Whether receiving a negative diagnosis, experiencing the loss of a loved one, or so many other terrifying trials, we need friends who, amid it all, will bring us to Jesus. As a community practice this week, share the trials you are facing and where you might need some carrying.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the families of the victims of the Monterey Park shooting.