Counted Worthy Of Your Calling

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INTRODUCTION

- This sermon is actually two segments that could stand alone as sermons… but I'm going to try to tie them all together at the end.

1 Why Are You Here?

Proverbs 22:1; Hebrews 10:25

- Sometimes people show up because they know that others expect them to be here.
- We should want people to regard us because we are indeed truly and genuinely the servants of the Lord, and it's really about him and not us.
- If you come here because of guilt, that's not going to result in the kind of character that God wants us to have.
- Your character needs to change, and your perspective and values need to change.

2 My Conduit to Fellowship With God

Hebrews 10:24–25

- This is my conduit, your conduit to fellowship with God.
- The most important thing that happens in this building is what's going on vertically between you and God.
- It is indeed an occasion for encouragement. Something very important happens horizontally as a byproduct in God's design and arrangement.
- The occasion of assembly ought merely to be an extension of my feeling for God throughout the week. It must never be the flipping of a light switch.
- This is an anchor for my life. Every other pursuit is inferior to this.

3 Walk Worthy of the Vocation

Ephesians 4:1; Matthew 10:37–38; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

- Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you have been called.
- It's vocation, not vacation. We focus on rest and repose quite enough. This is our calling. This is our vocation.
- Whoever does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.
- So that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

4 What About the Problem of Failure?

James 3:2

- But if any man sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- In one sense, we can't be worthy. We could never merit what God has done for us.
- We're unworthy. Always will be for what the Lord has done for us. But that doesn't mean that we cannot walk in a worthy manner.
- He's going to do the very best that he can for his father. He's going to give him his ultimate.

5 Spend and Be Expended

2 Corinthians 9:15; 2 Corinthians 12:15; Hebrews 4:15–16

- Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.
- I would most gladly spend and be expended for your souls.
- We can go to the throne of grace with boldness and find help and mercy in a time of need.
- I can never do enough. But I'll tell you what I can do. I can go all out. I can strive. I can excel. I can give diligence.

6 Counted Worthy

Revelation 3:4; 1 John 1:7

- We cannot be worthy in the sense of meriting salvation, but we can strive toward worthiness.
- No, I'm not worthy in and of myself. But as I pursue walking in worthiness, God says, I count you worthy.
- We pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your call.
- As we go all out, he tips the scales in our favor. I can't do enough to tip them. But he can.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to begin the pursuit, the great pursuit of walking worthy of the great calling? Do you need to put on Christ this hour to be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins?

MY NOTES