Established In Your Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to focus on one phrase in Ephesians chapter 4 and verse 14.
- I want to talk to you about storms of a greater implication that have to do with our souls, which have to do with the stability of our spirits.

1 God's Eternal Purpose of Unity in Ephesians

Ephesians 4:1–3; Ephesians 4:4–6; Ephesians 4:11–13

- God's eternal purpose, which was to unite all people in the death of his son, that they might have life and glorify him.
- Walk in a manner worthy of your calling.
- The foundation for all of this is that there is one body, one collection of saved people, and we need to be numbered among them.
- What all of those have in common is the dispensing of this message. The teaching, the giving of this instruction that is to guide our unity in him.
- These gifts that he gave involved the imparting of instruction for the equipping of the saints.

2 No Longer Children Tossed to and Fro

Ephesians 4:14; 2 Peter 2; 2 Corinthians 4:3–4

- We are no longer to be children tossed to and fro. By waves. And carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness and deceitful scheming.
- So many false notions are presented as the will of God.
- Don't judge them on the basis of their appearance. How smooth they may speak, how persuasive their argument. You must measure them by their words.
- Deception and trickery is one of Satan's most effective tools.
- The devil uses others to deceive. And sometimes we simply deceive ourselves.

3 Established in Your Faith

Romans 1:11; Colossians 1:23; Colossians 2:6–7

- It is certainly set in contrast to the description of one who is tossed here and there by the waves.
- This word spoke of turning resolutely in a certain direction. Confirmed or strengthened is the idea.
- Having been firmly rooted, and now being built up in him and established in your faith.
- We're to be models of strength. We are to move in that direction. We are not to be characterized by perpetual weakness.

- Established has to do with a persistence in the right things, the right course, the right thinking, having heavenly affections, and a consistency in those things.
- It was not the goal of the gospel to bring people into Christ and then remain there perpetually in a fairly weakened condition.

4 Firmly Rooted

Colossians 2:7; Ephesians 3:17

- Having been firmly rooted. And that's what it takes to be established. You have to have strong roots.
- What kind of spiritual roots are you developing?
- That's why we need to engage in personal study and meditation upon the word so that we can develop the strong spiritual roots.
- Meditate in God's law. And do so day and night. And you shall be like a tree planted by rivers of water that yields its fruit in its season.

5 God Is Able to Establish You

Romans 16:25; 1 Peter 5:10

- You're not doing it alone. That God is assisting in our progress.
- Now to him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ.
- He himself will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
- This being established in him has an impact upon others.

THE CHALLENGE

Be established. Be firm, dependable, and steady. Because others are counting on you. Others are watching you. Others are following you. Realize the great responsibility that you have.

MY NOTES