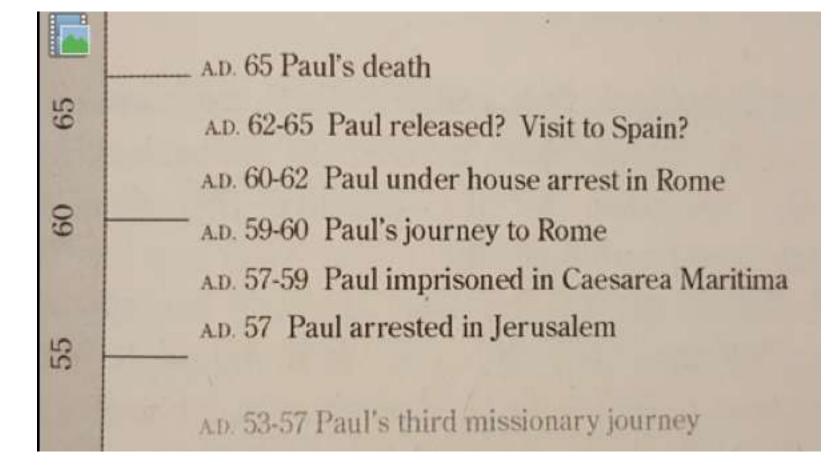
Called to Be Faithful

Discussion Questions

- **1.** How and when did you become a Christian?
- **2. What led you to become a Christian?**
- 3. How have you experienced God working in your life?
- 4. How has being a Christian positively changed your life?
- 5. What won't happen if you don't do what God has called you to do?

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



Timothy 4:6–8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



Acts 21:12–13 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Ects 20:22-24

And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. I've never been good at change If I'm honest it's always scared me But I can't deny this stirring deep inside me And I know it's time to stop resisting

'Cause I'm not getting any younger Fear is such a sad way to live a life So, face to the wind, I'm jumping out, I'm walking in Every single thing You want to show me Nobody said this would be easy Anyone who did never went through anything painful

But faith is not some fragile thing That shatters when we walk through something hard So, we walk on, whatever may come To the ups and downs, the highs and lows To the taking in, the letting go To tears and laughter, the great unknown To the open journey into faith I go







Corinthians 11:23–28

Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman-I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked.

And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches.

mans 8:31, 35, 37–39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ... Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Philippians 4:4–7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What won't happen if you don't do what God has called you to do?

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