

WOULD YOU EVER?
SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 6; MATTHEW 25;
PHILIPPIANS 1; GALATIANS 6
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INTRODUCTION

- We're standing at the beginning. Starting fresh feels good. But starting is not the problem—finishing is.
- “Everybody can start something, but very few finish well.”
- What does it take to be faithful?

I. CALLING OVER OPPORTUNITY

- Genesis 6:5-8 NLT, “The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth...⁶ So the LORD was sorry He had ever made them...⁷ And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth...⁸ But Noah found favor with the LORD.”
- Genesis 6:22, “So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.”
- Starting things is easy. Finishing things requires faithfulness.

II. WHAT'S YOUR BOAT?

- Every person has a boat to build. We were born with a purpose.
- You have a calling. Things you were created to do.
- God is not in the opportunity business; He is in the calling business.
- He will call us, First to Himself then to something that will build His Kingdom here on earth.
- Opportunity = pleasing yourself
- Calling = about pleasing God and serving others
- If you can do it without God, it's probably too small.
- There is a danger in the season between the calling and the fulfillment; it's called doubt.

- God's measure of success is faithfulness.
- Matthew 25:23, “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful...!’”

III. GOD THE BUILDER

- We don't build the boat alone.
- Philippians 1:6,9-11, “And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns...”
- Exodus 14:14 — “The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 — “He made Him who knew no sin...”
- Romans 5:8, “While we were still sinners...”
- Because Jesus stayed faithful to you, you can stay faithful to Him.

IV. WHY WERE WE LESS THAN FAITHFUL

- Faithfulness fails when there isn't enough community around us and too much comparison among us.
- Galatians 6:1-3, “...² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ...”
- Success is not me compared to you. Success is me compared to what God asked me to do.
- Galatians 6:4-5, “Pay careful attention to your own work... and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.
⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”

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- Galatians 6:7-10, “Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant...⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”