



Steadfast in the Lord

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be **steadfast**, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" 1 Cor 15:58 (ESV)*

What does it mean to be steadfast? One that is steadfast is resolute, firm, unwavering or in the context of this passage - immovable. In this passage we are encouraged to be steadfast in the work of the Lord, so what does this look like in our lives today? How do we show ourselves to be resolute to the work of the Lord - how do we stand firm, show an unwavering dedication to His purposes - how are we immovable when it comes to following after the work of the Lord? For me this term brings about the imagery of a large, impenetrable boulder or, even better, a mountain. Something that is not going to be cast aside from whatever bombards it in this world.

As Christ followers, as his disciples, Paul is encouraging us as disciples of the Lord to be just as bold, rooted, firm, and immovable in the ways of the Lord. So what does that look like?

We are to be steadfast:

- . In the teaching of the Gospel
- . Searching out the lost to share God's love
- . In the teaching of and education from sound doctrine
- . Encouraging one another and building each other up
- . Against false teachings
- . Against temptations
- . In morality
- . In love
- . In our work together, in service of the kingdom, the Lord's church
- . In God's grace
- . In hope provided by the victory of the Lord

As a body we need to continue to grow together, join one another - locking arms to be immovable and steadfast in our devotion to the Lord. For as the verse says - in the Lord, our labor will not be in vain, but rather we will share in the reward of the Lord's salvation together with him.

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