



Series: Hold the Line (Part 3)

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:13

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Bottom Line

Don't grow weary in the work when God is working in you.

Sermon Summary

Weariness is something every believer experiences. Whether serving, leading, parenting, working, or ministering to others, even good and meaningful work can leave us feeling exhausted. In 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Paul encourages believers with a simple but powerful command:

"Do not grow weary in doing good."

Paul understood that faithfulness can be difficult when results seem slow, people disappoint us, or our efforts go unnoticed. Yet God's call is not to quit but to stay the course.

Main Point #1: We Become Weary When Our Focus Is Wrong

Joshua challenged Israel to choose whom they would serve (Joshua 24:14–15). Their focus was not on immediate results but on faithful obedience to God.

When our attention shifts away from God and His purposes, discouragement and weariness quickly follow. Staying focused on God's calling helps us endure difficult seasons.

Main Point #2: Purpose Focus Over Result Focus

Many of us become discouraged because we focus on outcomes rather than obedience.

When we become result-focused:

- We get discouraged when people don't change.
- We get frustrated when progress is slow.
- We become tired when our efforts aren't appreciated.
- We lose motivation when success doesn't come quickly.

God never called us to control the results. He calls us to remain faithful. As Galatians 6:9 reminds us, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



Main Point #3: God Is Worthy of Our Faithfulness

Even when:

- Growth feels slow
- Ministry becomes difficult
- People disappoint us
- We feel unseen

God is still working.

The strength to continue does not come from our own determination but from God's power. Isaiah 40:29–31 reminds us that He renews the strength of those who wait on Him.

Life Application

Take time to evaluate your "WHY."

Ask yourself:

- Why do I serve?
- Why do I lead?
- Why do I keep showing up?
- Why do I do what I do?

Is your motivation centered on recognition, success, approval, or results? Or is it centered on God's purpose?

Practical Challenge

Define your God-centered WHY and place it somewhere you'll see every day:

- On your mirror
- In your phone
- On your desk
- In your Bible

A clear purpose strengthens endurance and helps us remain faithful when life becomes difficult.



Final Encouragement

When you feel tired, discouraged, or ready to quit, remember:

God is still working in you and through you.

Like Paul declared at the end of his life:

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

Faithfulness, not immediate results, is the goal.

Stay the course.