



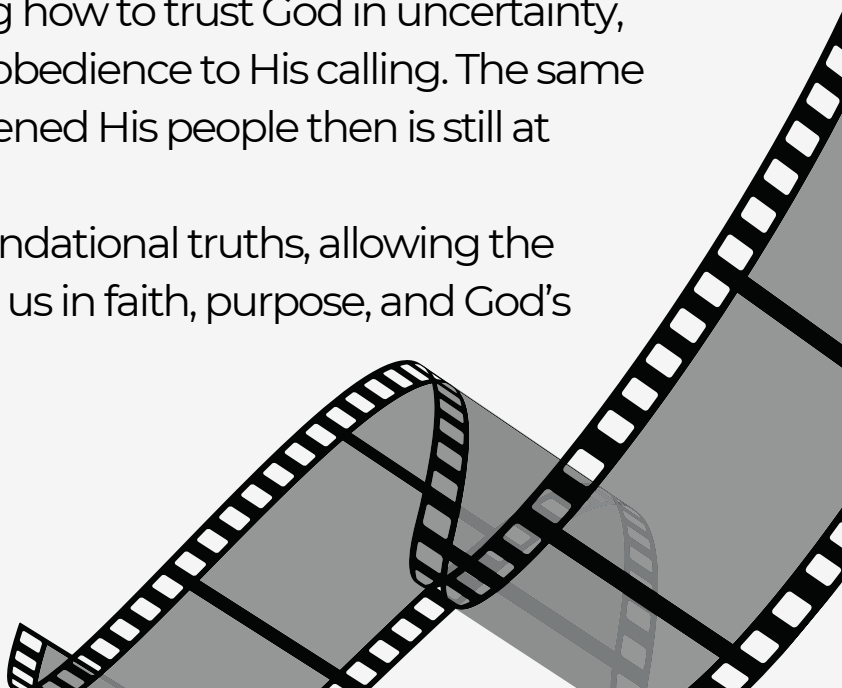
# ESTABLISHED IN THE CLASSICS

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The Old Testament is more than just ancient history—it's the foundation of our faith. In *Established in the Classics*, we journey through timeless stories of courage, faith, obedience, and redemption, discovering how these classic accounts still shape our lives today. From the unwavering faith of Abraham to the perseverance of Joseph, the leadership of Moses to the boldness of Esther, these stories reveal God's character and His plan for His people.

Each week, we will uncover the life-changing lessons hidden within these narratives, learning how to trust God in uncertainty, stand firm in trials, and walk in obedience to His calling. The same God who guided and strengthened His people then is still at work in our lives today.

Join us as we dig into these foundational truths, allowing the wisdom of the past to establish us in faith, purpose, and God's unchanging promises.





# DAY 1 FINDING OUR TRUE HERO

***Daily reading: 1 Samuel 17:1-58***

As we read the story of David and Goliath, it's tempting to see ourselves as David - the brave hero who conquers giants.

However, this week's message reminds us that we are often more like the Israelites, cowering in fear when faced with overwhelming challenges. The good news is that we have a true hero in Jesus Christ. He stands ready to face our giants and has already won the ultimate victory through His death and resurrection.

Today, reflect on the areas in your life where you feel overwhelmed or afraid. Instead of trying to be the hero, surrender those challenges to Jesus. Trust in His power and love to overcome what seems insurmountable to you.



# DAY 2

## THE POWER OF GOD'S GRACE

*Daily reading: Ephesians 2:1-10*

Today's Scripture reminds us that we are saved by grace through faith, not by our own efforts. This echoes the sermon's emphasis on Jesus as our hero and savior.

Just as David defeated Goliath not through his own strength but through faith in God, we too overcome our challenges through Christ's power working in us. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be relying too much on your own strength.

How can you more fully embrace and rely on God's grace today? Remember, there's nothing that God's grace can't do - it's sufficient for every need and challenge you face.



# DAY 3 PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S VICTORY

***Daily reading: Colossians 2:13-15***

In today's reading, we see a powerful declaration of Christ's victory over all powers and authorities. This ties in with the sermon's emphasis on Jesus as the ultimate giant-slayer.

We don't live waiting for God to win victory for us - we live from the place of knowing He has already won. Today, consider the "giants" in your life - whether they be fears, addictions, or seemingly impossible situations.

How might your perspective and actions change if you truly believed and proclaimed that Jesus has already defeated these giants? Practice declaring Christ's victory over specific challenges you face.



# DAY 4 LIVING AS GOD'S CHOSEN

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*Daily reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10*

Today's Scripture reminds us of our identity in Christ - we are chosen, royal, and belonging to God. This echoes the song lyrics from the sermon: "By your kindness, I've been chosen for your glory."

When we truly grasp our identity in Christ, it changes how we face life's challenges. We no longer need to prove ourselves or earn God's love. Instead, we can live confidently as His beloved children.

Reflect on how truly believing your identity in Christ might change your approach to current struggles or decisions. How can you live today as one chosen for God's glory?



# DAY 5

## DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST ALONE

***Daily reading: John 15:1-8***

In our final reading, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate our need for constant connection to Him. This resonates with the closing prayer of the sermon, which emphasized our ongoing need for Jesus.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, we cannot truly thrive or overcome life's challenges apart from Christ. Today, examine your daily routines and habits. Are there ways you can more intentionally abide in Christ throughout your day?

Consider implementing regular "check-ins" with God, even if just for a moment, to remind yourself of your dependence on Him. Remember the powerful truth from the sermon: He is your "one defense, your righteousness."

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