

Fulfilling Your Calling

Acts 14:1-28

Main Point:

Jesus has given you a calling to fulfill for His glory; therefore, die to yourself and put Him first.

1. Jesus has given you a calling to fulfill for His glory.
2. You need to fulfill your calling despite any accomplishments.
3. You need to fulfill your calling despite any commendations.
4. You need to fulfill your calling despite any hardships.
5. You need to fulfill your calling by dying to yourself and putting Jesus first.

1 Corinthians 10:31 ³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (NKJV)

Philippians 3:13-15 ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. (NKJV)

John 3:30 ³⁰ "He must increase, but I *must* decrease. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "The Christian life is cross-shaped."

Dennis Johnson "Unpopularity and persecution in themselves did not intimidate the apostles into silence or flight."

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 ⁸ *We are* hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. (NKJV)

C.T. Studd "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him."

Derek Thomas "Their lives were set for gospel work no matter what the cost to themselves."

Matthew 16:24-25 ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. (NKJV)

Matthew 26:39 ³⁹ ... "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*." (NKJV)