

## *Remaining Steadfast*

Acts 20:22-24 & 1 Corinthians 15:58

In our culture today, everything is moving. People are in and out of church or churches. Pastors are in and out of pulpits. It seems like nothing is constant or consistent. Steadfast is an adjective that describes something as "firm or unwavering." We notice this a lot in the sports world. When a team wins, it's amazing to see all the loyal fans demonstrating their unfailing support for the team. We call them bandwagon fans. Unfortunately, we are seeing more of this from Christians today. We see new churches or movements spring up and go gang busters, to later only at best see the fragments of a what was once a vibrant congregation of believers. "A change in geography never corrects a character problem." Although, moving sometimes is the leading of the Lord. Don't move too abruptly that you do so without the Lord. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God..." Here are a few things to encourage us to be steadfast in our work and walk with the Lord.

### 1. Don't let people move you. 2 Peter 3:17

2 kinds of people whose effect is negative to you spiritually:

- Carnal, worldly people  
Their desire is to pull you away from your walk with the Lord.  
They pull you towards sin.
- Pharisaical people  
They tell you that you're not good enough, not separated enough, not spiritual enough.  
They pull you towards discouragement.

Either pulling will constantly be present in your life. Whomever you're dealing with, don't let people discourage and pull you down.

### 2. Don't let the problems move you. Acts 20:22, Job 11:15

"...not knowing the things that shall befall me there." vs. 22

Paul was traveling to Jerusalem. He had been warned of the dangers about going there.

Problems will always be present. Some problems are personalities, financial or even surprises.

It's been said that a pastor or member that leaves a church is over 5 people.

### 3. Don't let pride move you. Acts 20:23-24

This one is why most people leave their walk with the Lord or church or quit serving the Lord.

"...neither count I my life dear unto myself..." vs. 24

We cannot have the mentality that we have arrived or that "they don't know what they got."

We cannot think that "deserve more than what I'm getting." We must die to self and pride.

Because of these things, people move when God wants them to stay. It says in verse 23, "Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth..." From that, we need to understand that wherever you are, God is at work in a place in your life. Be sure to go to that place. If God is in some sort of move, then go with God. But don't move just because of the pressures of life. If there's something that we need today in our families, marriages and churches, it is steadfast people. God bless you as you stand firm and unwavering for Him.