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Questions

1. Paul connects faith in Christ with living a godly life. What would it look like for your faith to become more visible through your everyday choices?
2. How has God used another person to encourage you when you needed it most?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:17. Paul says that God comforts and encourages the discouraged. When have you experienced God meeting you in a discouraging season?
4. Read Titus 1:1-4. Paul describes Titus as someone who was willing and eager to help. What does your willingness to serve reveal about your heart?
5. Titus' faith was demonstrated through his character, willingness, service, and relationships with others. Which of these areas is God developing most in you right now? What tends to keep you from being fully available to God—comfort, fear, busyness, uncertainty, or something else?
6. What area of your character does God want to strengthen so that your life reflects Christ more clearly?

Scripture References

Titus 1:1-4
This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to[a] those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. **2** This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began. **3** And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior that I have been entrusted with this work for him. **4** I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace.

Galatians 2:3
3 Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.

2 Corinthians 7:6
6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

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2 Corinthians 8:17
17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

2 Corinthians 8:23
23 As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ.

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Titus 1:2
This truth gives them **confidence** that they have **eternal life**, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.

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Takeaways

- Have you ever been in a moment of crisis, and there was someone who knew exactly what to do?
- We live in a world in crisis. And God wants to train you to be one of his eternal lifeguards – a disciple of Jesus who brings others to Jesus.
- Themes:
    - Your spiritual growth does not happen by accident.
    - God picked you.
- 3 Styles of Preaching
    - Topical: trace a topic through entire Bible
    - Textual: study through a book
    - Expository: study verse by verse

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- Every growing Christian should be reading their Bible, verse-by-verse, on their own. Our Daily Hope video devotional is also a daily expository style message to model this.
- Observation = What does it say?
- Interpretation = What does it mean in light of the whole counsel of God (all of the Bible)
- Application = What must I change or do to obey it?
- Open your heart as you open your Bible.
- God makes choices.
- God always makes the right choice.
- God is keeper of the universe, just as He made Adam keeper of earth.
- God chose you.
- Error – There is no such thing as election.
- Truth – Like any other relationship, God chooses you, and you respond by choosing God. The difference is, God knew from eternity past who would choose Him. These are the elect.
  Note: different Christians can put different amounts of emphasis on God's role and our role, depending on which Bible verses they emphasize. But the whole of Scripture is clear: it's both.
- Error – Election means you have no free will and even at salvation you're not actually choosing God.
- In Acts 2, when Holy Spirit fills God's people and they speak in other languages and people of various language groups can miraculously understand – some of those there were Cretians or people from Crete.
- In summary: Do all this stuff, and work hard at it…because you've been chosen.
- Because God chose you, work at your relationship with Him, constantly improving how you serve Him.