



Finding Your Place in God's Work

Romans 12:3-8

Strength is often hidden, and what you don't see may be what matters most. This definitely applies to the local church. Much of what holds us together isn't visible on the surface, but it bears weight and absorbs pressure. It keeps the entire structure standing. Today, I want us to realize that your faithfulness—especially the unseen kind—is not small, secondary, or wasted. God is building something strong. Where has God placed you in the structure? And how is your faithfulness helping to hold the whole body together?

I. See Yourself Clearly

A. Romans 12:3: *For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, _____, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.*

1. We must think sensibly - seeing ourselves as God sees us.
2. God has measured faith to each one - to place us where we are needed.

B. Seeing Yourself Clearly Means Seeing One Another Clearly

1. Romans 12:4: *Now as we have many parts in _____, and all the parts do not have the same function,*

- a) Paul quickly moves from how we see ourselves to how we see one another.
- b) Our work happens in a body: connected, dependent, and shared.

2. It is a carefully designed structure where each part contributes to the strength of the whole.

C. If you belong to Christ, you belong to the body.

1. Romans 12:5: *in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of _____.*

2. You don't have to carry the whole structure, just carry the part God entrusted to you.

3. Romans 12:8: *showing mercy, with _____.*

II. Faithfulness Shows Up in Action, Not Just Intention

A. Romans 12:6-8: *If prophecy, _____ according to the proportion of one's faith; if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.*

1. What God has placed in your hands is meant to be exercised, not admired.

B. Your work in the Lord is never in vain.

1. *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not _____.*

2. Long after people forget, God does not.

C. Now, back to verse 6:

1. Romans 12:6b: *If prophecy, use it according to _____ of one's faith;*
a) "according to the proportion."
b) staying within what God has entrusted you; carrying your share of the load responsibly; serving with trust instead of strain.

2. Be faithful with what you've been given, and trust God with the results.

III. As We Close...

- A. This morning's message isn't about doing more—it's about belonging fully.
- B. And belonging begins with Jesus. Have you given your life to Christ?

Questions

1. What part of the sermon stood out to you as you thought about your own service to God?
2. How have you seen quiet or behind-the-scenes faithfulness make a difference in the church or in your own life?
3. Paul warns against both pride and self-dismissal (Romans 12:3). Which do you find more tempting—and how does this passage help bring balance to the way you see yourself?
4. What does faithful service look like for you in this season of life, without comparing yourself to others?
5. How can we better encourage and support one another's faithfulness as members of the same body? What is one practical way we can help others see that their work matters?

Answers

Cheerfulness
Use it
One another
Always excelling
One body
In vain
Think sensibly
The proportion