

August 6, 2023 - 1 Corinthians 16 - BE ALERT!

Connect:

This Sunday was our last in the series 1 Corinthians : Addressing the Problems that Divide Us. Looking back on this sermon series, was there a chapter or sermon that resonated with you?

Robert suggested that there are three types of people: People who watch things happen, those who wait for things to happen, and those who make things happen. What type of person are you? Why do you think that is?

Engage:

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

Robert pointed out the fact that there is a tentative nature to Paul's plans.

How open handed are you with your life's plans?

Is it easy or difficult for you to trust God with the details of your life and your plans?

What is the downside of being overly planned and overly structured as we follow Jesus?

Four ways God leads, guides, or directs us in the scripture

Word - If it's in the word, it's true.

Church - People will speak truth into you in a community of His believers. (Proverbs 15:22)

Spirit and Prayer - The Spirit prompts us as we surrender to His leading.

Circumstances - Our life experiences show us God's will and direction.

Which of these 4 ways have you seen God most often use to lead you?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13, 1 Peter 5:8

Robert gave four points from 1 Corinthians 16.

1. Be Alert

Where do you feel like you're most vulnerable to Satan's attacks and schemes?

2. Stand Firm (Matthew 24:10-13)

Do you ever lack confidence in difficult times?

Is it easy for you to question God, your faith, or yourself when times get tough?

3. Be courageous (Genesis 31:31)

"Without courage your life will be marked with a lot of regrets."

How can running from God's leading and prompting result in a life full of regrets?

4. Be Strong (Deuteronomy 32:35, Psalms 46:1)

How has the Lord provided strength for you when you've felt weak?

What do you think that renewed strength looks like?

Apply:

Robert asked us two application questions. Take some time to answer these.

1. Am I following God in a way that requires faith?

2. Do I do anything at all in my life that requires courage and confidence?

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Group Kick-off and Registration: August 13:

This is a day set aside to share the Biblical calling and vision FC has for intentional community and inviting friends and community members into the body of believers here. Don't miss out on this day of vision casting and the opportunity to sign up to be part of an intentional community in Groups.

Serve:

Serve Teams are your way to serve and lead at Fondren Church. God has given you a unique gifting and those gifts can help strengthen the church. How are you looking to serve and lead? Sign up at fondrenchurch.com/serve.

About Fondren: Sunday, August 20, following each service.

Join us in the Breezeway Room for a brief time to learn what we're all about as a church. It is your place to meet people, ask questions, and let us know your interests. It will be a great time to invite friends or community members that might be interested in learning more about FC. At this event, you'll get an overview of key areas of our church and ways for you and others to get involved.