

“Unworthy Servants”

Sermon • *Luke 17*

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1) God’s Word **encourages** us to **be worthy**, again and again.

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called... *(Ephesians 4:1)*

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... *(Philippians 1:27)*

2) Yet we are called **unworthy**, again and again.

⁹And Jacob said, “O God... ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. *(Genesis 32:9–10)*

But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. *(Matthew 8:8)*

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. *(Matthew 10:37-38)*

3) **The Lord** is the one most frequently called worthy in the Bible.

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. *(Hebrews 3:3)*

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” *(Revelation 5:12)*

4) God’s Word calls us **loved**, again and again.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *(2 Thessalonians 12:16–17)*