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1 Corinthians 58 (ESV)

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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Theme

Caregiving is a lifelong calling, and every act of love matters eternally.

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Walk Worthy of the Calling

- Caregiving isn't a season - it's a sacred journey God walks with us from beginning to end.
- We are called to present our bodies as a living sacrifice.

***1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
(Romans 12:1 ESV)***

- Caregiving is one of the clearest ways we offer ourselves to God - Every meal prepared, every reminder given, every gentle touch becomes worship.

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Walk Worthy of the Calling

- God sees our consistency - our showing up again & again.
- Our faithfulness is not forgotten.
- Weariness is real, but God promises a harvest.
- He strengthens us when our strength runs out.

***9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9 ESV)***

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Walk Worthy of the Calling

- Caregiving is a marathon, not a sprint.
- God honors perseverance, even when the pace feels slow.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7 ESV)

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Walk Worthy of the Calling

- We are called to serve the Lord with gladness.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (Psalm 100:2 ESV)

- Joy doesn't always mean happiness - it means knowing God is with us in our caregiving.

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Courage to Care

- God doesn't just call caregivers - He equips us with courage for every step.
- We are called to be strong & courageous

9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9 ESV)

- Courage isn't the absence of fear; it's trusting God in the middle of it.

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Courage to Care

- We never walk into a hard day alone.
- God goes before us, stands beside us & carries us.

**10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
(Isaiah 41:10 ESV)**

Courage to Care

- God calls us to let all we do be done in love.

**14 Let all that you do be done in love.
(1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV)**

- Love is the heartbeat of Christian caregiving.
- Even small acts become holy when done in love.

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Courage to Care

- God calls us to strengthen the weak hands & make firm the feeble knees.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. (Isaiah 35:3 ESV)

- He uses us to bring strength, stability & dignity to those who cannot help themselves.

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Courage to Care

- God calls us to encourage one another & build each other up.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV)

- Caregiving is not meant to be done alone.
- God gives us community to lift us when we feel depleted.

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Be a Channel of God's Love

- As caregivers, we become living channels of God's ongoing love.
- The love of Jesus controls us.
- His love is the engine that keeps us going when emotions run dry.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; (2 Corinthians 5:14 ESV)

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Be a Channel of God's Love

- God calls us to love in deed & truth.

18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18 ESV)

- Love is not just a feeling - it's action, presence & compassion.

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Be a Channel of God's Love

- God handcrafted us for this caregiving calling.
- It is part of His design.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)

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Be a Channel of God's Love

- Nothing in our caregiving journey is wasted.
- God is shaping us & blessing others through us.

8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. (Psalm 138:8 ESV)

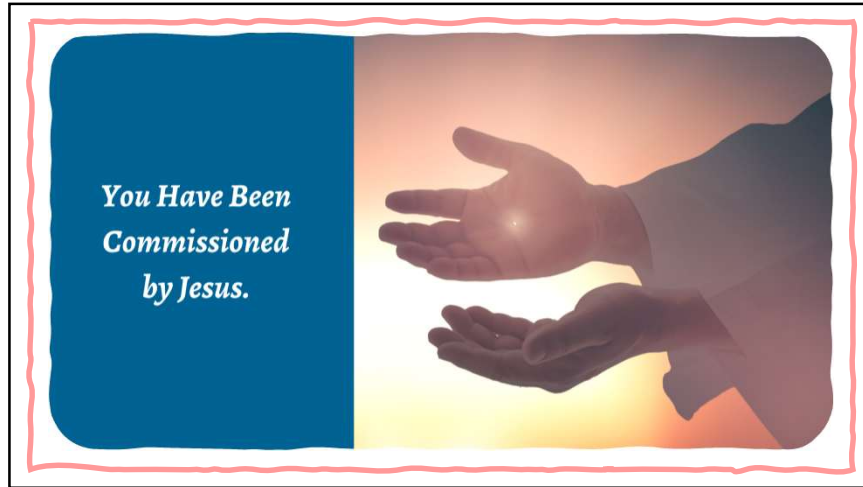
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Be a Channel of God's Love

- Our labor in the Lord is not in vain.
- Every unseen act of love is seen by God & carries eternal significance.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

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Discussion Questions

- How has caregiving shaped your long-term sense of calling?
- What helps you stay courageous when the journey is hard?
- How do you see God's love continuing through your care?
- What legacy of faith & love do you hope to leave?
- How will you carry this calling forward in your caregiving journey?

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