



CCC SUNDAY SERMON

Dedicated to God and His Purpose

A call to faithful obedience, service and perseverance

Key Texts

Ruth 1:16–17 • Daniel 6 • Nehemiah 4:14
Luke 22:42 • John 19:30 • Colossians 3:23

Song: "I Surrender All to You"

Sermon at a Glance

Central truth: Dedication is giving ourselves faithfully to God and His purpose, continuing in obedience even when the journey becomes difficult.

Purpose

To encourage believers to remain faithful to God in every season and to finish the work He has entrusted to them.

Main movements

- Ruth: dedication that follows and sacrifices.
- Daniel: dedication that refuses to compromise.
- Nehemiah: dedication that continues despite opposition.
- Jesus: perfect dedication to the Father's will.
- Our response: serve wholeheartedly and finish faithfully.

Opening

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, today we are going to reflect on a very important word: dedication.

Dedication is more than making a promise. It is the willingness to give ourselves faithfully to a purpose, even when the journey becomes difficult. Dedication means staying faithful when feelings change, when challenges come and when no one is watching.

In our Christian walk, God is not only looking for people who will start the journey with excitement. He is looking for people who will remain faithful until the end. Many people can begin with enthusiasm, but dedication gives us the strength to continue.

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1. Ruth: Dedication That Follows

The Bible gives us many examples of men and women who demonstrated dedication to God. Ruth's story begins during a painful season.

There was a famine in Bethlehem, so Elimelech moved with his wife Naomi and their two sons to Moab. Elimelech later died, and Naomi's two sons also died. Naomi, Ruth and Orpah were all left as widows.

When Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem, she encouraged Ruth and Orpah to remain in Moab and rebuild their lives. Orpah eventually returned to her people, but Ruth refused to leave Naomi.

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

— **Ruth 1:16**

Ruth chose to follow Naomi to Bethlehem and, more importantly, she chose to follow Naomi's God. She was willing to leave her homeland and her future security behind because of her love and dedication to Naomi.

What Ruth teaches us

- Dedication sometimes requires leaving what is familiar.
- Dedication remains present when relationships pass through pain.
- Dedication to God shapes our choices about where we go and whom we follow.

True dedication says, "I will remain faithful even when the future is uncertain."

2. Daniel: Dedication That Will Not Compromise

Daniel chapter 6 tells the powerful story of Daniel's dedication and faithfulness to God.

Daniel was an excellent and trustworthy leader in the kingdom of King Darius. Because of his exceptional character, the king planned to promote him. Other officials became jealous and tried to find something wrong with him, but they could not find corruption or fault in his work. They therefore decided to use his faithfulness to God against him.

The officials persuaded King Darius to issue a law stating that, for thirty days, no one could pray to any god or person except the king. Anyone who disobeyed would be thrown into the lions' den.

Even after Daniel learned about the law, he continued to pray to God three times a day, just as he had always done. Daniel chose dedication to God instead of compromise. He was arrested and thrown into the lions' den.

"Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

— Daniel 6:16

Main lesson

True dedication to God means remaining faithful when we face challenges, pressure or danger. Daniel did not change his commitment because of fear. His obedience became a powerful testimony, and God was glorified through his faithfulness.

- Character and dedication must be visible in our daily work.
- Pressure does not have the authority to redefine our worship.
- A faithful life becomes a testimony to people who are watching us.

Dedication is proved when obedience costs us something.

3. Nehemiah: Dedication That Continues

Nehemiah chapter 4 describes how Nehemiah and the people of Israel remained dedicated to rebuilding Jerusalem's wall despite opposition and threats from their enemies.

When Sanballat and Tobiah heard that the Jews were rebuilding, they became angry and mocked them. They tried to discourage the workers and make them afraid. Nehemiah did not give up. He prayed and encouraged the people to continue the work.

As the opposition increased, the enemies planned to attack Jerusalem and stop the rebuilding. Nehemiah and the people responded with both prayer and action. They trusted God, prepared to defend themselves and placed guards around the city.

"Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome."

— **Nehemiah 4:14**

The people continued working with determination. Some rebuilt the wall while others stood ready to protect them. They worked together, watched for danger and refused to abandon their mission.

Main lesson

Dedication does not mean that we will never face difficulties. True dedication means continuing God's work even when we experience opposition, discouragement or fear.

- Pray when opposition rises.
- Remember the greatness of the Lord.
- Work together instead of struggling alone.
- Do not abandon the assignment because it becomes difficult.

Opposition does not mean the assignment is wrong; sometimes it confirms that the work matters.

4. Jesus: Complete Dedication to the Father

Jesus is the greatest example of complete dedication to God. His entire life was centred on doing His Father's will, even when obedience required suffering and sacrifice.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus knew that suffering and death were before Him. Yet He surrendered His own desire to the will of the Father.

"Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

— **Luke 22:42**

Jesus remained faithful until the end. Even while suffering on the cross, He completed the mission the Father had given Him.

"It is finished!"

— **John 19:30**

What Jesus teaches us

- Dedication begins with surrender to God's will.
- Dedication obeys even when obedience involves sacrifice.
- Dedication does not stop halfway; it finishes the assignment.
- Our service must flow from love for God, not merely from duty.

Jesus did not only begin the mission—He completed it.

5. What Dedication Means for Us

Dedication means:

- Knowing God's purpose for your life.
- Putting God first.
- Obeying God even when it is difficult.
- Serving others faithfully.
- Remaining committed when you face opposition.
- Finishing what God has called you to do.

Questions for reflection

- How dedicated am I to God?
- Am I faithful only when everything is going well?
- What assignment have I been tempted to abandon?
- Is there an area where fear or pressure has produced compromise?
- What must I surrender again to the will of God?

As we meditate on God's Word, may the Holy Spirit help us understand that true dedication is not merely spoken with our lips. It is demonstrated through faithfulness, obedience, service and perseverance.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

— **Colossians 3:23**

We are called to be dedicated not only to God's work, but first and foremost to God Himself.

Conclusion and Response

Ruth teaches us to follow faithfully. Daniel teaches us not to compromise. Nehemiah teaches us to continue despite opposition. Jesus shows us perfect surrender and obedience to the end.

Today, God is calling us to renew our dedication. Perhaps we began with enthusiasm but have become tired. Perhaps pressure has tempted us to compromise. Perhaps opposition has made us consider abandoning the work. The Lord is reminding us to return to Him, remember His purpose and continue faithfully.

May the Lord help us become people who are fully dedicated—not only to His work, but first and foremost to Him.

Prayer of dedication

Lord, I surrender my life, my plans, my gifts and my future to You. Help me to follow You faithfully, refuse compromise, continue through opposition and finish everything You have called me to do. May my life honour You in public and in private. Not my will, but Yours be done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing song

“I Surrender All to You”

Final declaration: I belong to God. I will obey His Word, serve His purpose and remain faithful until the end.