

# Encouragement to Abound in the Work of the Lord



**1 Corinthians 15:58**

# Introduction

- Things that keep us from abounding—  
tantamount to losing heart
- Encouragement to family to keep on  
persevering in the context of personal  
pain
- Many things that can discourage
- Paul experienced his share of those  
difficulties
- resurrection=practical application of a  
core Christian doctrine

# How am I to Be?

- Beloved brothers—endearing language of brotherly love
- Two powerful descriptions:



**Steadfast**  **Immoveable**

**“Hold the line, don’t give in!”**

# Whose Work am I Called to?

- In the work of the Lord
- Practically, what is it?
- Abounding—overflowing,  
increasing, lavished



# What is My Reward?

- “knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”
- In the Lord...realm of the Christian’s existence & work
- Labor—support, aid, sacrifice, encouragement
- Not in vain



# **Take away challenge for today**

**Where do I need encouragement in  
my work for the Lord?**

**What have I been discouraged about?**

**Whom should I tell?**



# Paul's Ongoing Struggle

- Paul constantly worried about his work being in vain=**1 Thess. 3:1-5**
- Paul was in constant labor and hardship on behalf of the church  
**2 Corinthians 11:16-29**

