

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

GOD CALLS IMPERFECT PEOPLE (Romans 15:13-33)

Talk-it-Over Notes | October 17-18, 2026

REVIEW IT

Every believer is called to ministry. Not every believer is a pastor, but every believer is a minister. Ministry is serving Christ by serving others. God puts us on mission to serve and share Christ's message with others.

1. An effective ministry is **based on God's grace**,
recognizing that God uses imperfect people who rely on Him rather than their own qualifications.
2. An effective ministry is **built on God's word**,
centering everything on the truth of Scripture rather than personality or popularity.
3. An effective ministry is **operated for God's glory**,
seeking to honor Christ alone instead of personal recognition.
4. An effective ministry is **performed in God's power**,
depending on the Holy Spirit to work through our weaknesses and change lives.
5. An effective ministry is planned **according to God's purpose**,
pursuing God's strategic direction with intentionality and flexibility, rather than personal agendas.
6. An effective ministry is **backed by God's people**,
strengthened through the financial support and prayers of fellow believers,
not neglecting the support and partnership of others.

Spend some time in the Word: Read Romans 15:14-33

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Reflect on a time when you felt inadequate or unqualified to serve—how did God's grace or the encouragement of others help you move forward?
2. The message highlights that effective ministry is built on God's grace, God's word, and for God's glory, etc. Which of these six do you find the most challenging to live out, and why?
3. Paul relied on the support and prayers of others for his ministry. In what ways can you actively support or pray for the ministries and people around you?
4. What else stood out to you from this message?

ACT ON IT

This week, choose one of the six principles and intentionally put it into practice—whether that means serving someone in need by God's grace, spending extra time in God's word, giving God glory for a success, relying on the Holy Spirit in a challenge, making a purposeful plan for parenting or ministry, or supporting someone through prayer or generosity.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take time to ask how you can pray for and support one another in prayer. Then, close in prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that You use imperfect people to accomplish Your perfect purposes. Fill us with Your grace and strength as we serve others for Your glory. May Your Spirit empower us and unite us as we follow Your calling. In Jesus' name, Amen.