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Remain
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“As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine.” (1 Timothy 1:3)

We live in a transient society. The days of retiring after 25 years with the same company are mostly gone. We change jobs, schools, relationships, communities, and churches with regularity.

There are good reasons for some changes we make in life, but there is inherent benefit in remaining. There are benefits to remaining in your church, even if it's less than ideal. There are benefits to remaining in healthy relationships, even if your schedule gets in the way. There are benefits to remaining in your workplace, even when it's difficult. There are benefits to remaining in your community, even when the grass looks greener elsewhere. Before Paul instructed Timothy to lead, charge, and instruct the church at Ephesus, he told him to remain.

Remaining grows credibility, faithfulness, reliability, and stability. Sometimes, it's difficult to remain, and you shouldn't remain in sinful, violent, or destructive situations. But, even if your situation is less than ideal, good things can come from remaining. Today, pray the Lord will give you strength to remain.



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