

## **Sermon Notes (1-2 Pages)**

### **I. Introduction**

- **Passage:** Acts 23:11; Ephesians 2:4-10
- **Title:** Preserved for His Purpose
- **Key Theme:** God's faithfulness in preserving and guiding His people for His purpose.

### **II. Key Themes and Discussions**

#### **A. God's Assurance to Paul (Acts 23:11)**

- **God's Promise:** The Lord assures Paul that he will testify in Rome, confirming His plan for Paul's life.
- **Protection and Direction:** Despite threats and opposition, God protects Paul, using even Roman soldiers to ensure his safety.

#### **B. Examples of Faithful Servants**

- **Paul's Journey:** From persecutor to apostle, Paul's life is a testament to God's transformative power.
- **David and Moses:** Pastor Josh highlights that God's chosen servants often face great challenges but are preserved to fulfill their purpose.

#### **C. No Ordinary Christians (Ephesians 2:4-10)**

- **God's Workmanship:** Every believer is uniquely created in Christ for good works, designed by God beforehand.
- **Extraordinary Purpose:** Pastor Josh emphasizes that there is no such thing as an "ordinary" Christian because all are eternal beings in Christ.

#### **D. Faithfulness in the Present**

- **Trusting God's Plan:** Believers are encouraged to focus on the tasks in front of them while trusting in God's timing.
- **Everyday Faithfulness:** God calls us to be faithful in the "little things," preparing us for greater opportunities.

### **III. Conclusion**

- **Reflection:** Pastor Josh challenges believers to trust God's sovereignty and remain obedient in their current circumstances.
- **Encouragement:** He reminds the congregation that God is always working through them for His glory and their ultimate good.

### **Scriptural References**

- **Acts 23:11**
- **Ephesians 2:4-10**
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- **Psalms 34:7**
- **Romans 8:28**