

Numbers 1

¹ Now the Lord spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

² “Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, ³ from twenty years old and above—all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

⁴ And with you there shall be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father’s house.

⁵ “These are the names of the men who shall stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; ⁶ from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; ⁷ from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; ⁸ from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; ⁹ from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; ¹⁰ from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; ¹¹ from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; ¹² from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; ¹³ from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; ¹⁴ from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; ¹⁵ from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.” ¹⁶ These were chosen from the congregation, leaders of their fathers’ tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel. ¹⁷ Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name, ¹⁸ and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually. ¹⁹ As the Lord commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰ Now the children of Reuben, Israel’s oldest son, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²¹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben were forty-six thousand five hundred. ²² From the children of Simeon, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, of those who were numbered, according to the number of names, every male individually, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²³ those who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. ²⁴ From the children of Gad, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁵ those who were numbered of the tribe of Gad were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

²⁶ From the children of Judah, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁷ those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah were seventy-four thousand six hundred. ²⁸ From the children of Issachar, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ²⁹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar were fifty-four thousand four hundred. ³⁰ From the children of Zebulun, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³¹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

³² From the sons of Joseph, the children of Ephraim, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³³ those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim were forty thousand five hundred. ³⁴ From the children of Manasseh, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁵ those who were numbered of the tribe of Manasseh were thirty-two thousand two hundred. ³⁶ From the children of Benjamin, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁷ those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

³⁸ From the children of Dan, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ³⁹ those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. ⁴⁰ From the children of Asher, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers’ house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ⁴¹ those who

were numbered of the tribe of Asher were forty-one thousand five hundred. ⁴²From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war: ⁴³those who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

⁴⁴These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each one representing his father's house. ⁴⁵So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who were able to go to war in Israel—⁴⁶all who were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. ⁴⁷But the Levites were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe; ⁴⁸for the Lord had spoken to Moses, saying: ⁴⁹“Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor take a census of them among the children of Israel; ⁵⁰but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle. ⁵¹And when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The outsider who comes near shall be put to death. ⁵²The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies; ⁵³but the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony.” ⁵⁴Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they did.

Mustering God's People in the Wilderness

Main idea: God teaches us much just by the way that He organizes His church.

Introduction: “in the wilderness”

1. **God's rule over His people.** Census as sovereignty
2. **God's faithfulness to His promises.** Like sand on the sea shore
3. **God's impossible mission.** He intentionally does what we know to be impossible
4. **God's gift of participation.** They were going to have to war
5. **God's ordered order.** His organization is a life-saving provision

Conclusion: written down for our instruction!

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Numbers one. These are the words of God. Now, you always spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai in the Tabernacle of meeting.

On the first day of the second month and the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt saying, take a census. Of all the congregation of the children of Israel by their families by their fathers houses according to the number of names every male individually.

From 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. And with you, there shall be a man from every tribe, each one, the head of his father's house. These are the names of the men.

Who shall stand with you? From ribbon Elizaur, the son of shere from Simeon. Shalumio the son of zerushidai from Judah, Nash and the son of amenadab from issakar nethanel the son of zuar from zebulun. Up the son of Halon. From the sons of Joseph, from Ephraim Elishama the son of Amihood from Manasseh.

Gamali Alda, son of parasur. From Benjamin Abidan, the son of girayoni. Anna. Yazer the son of Amisha die. From Asher, pag heel the son of Akron. Get Eliasaf. The son of dul. From naftali ahira. The son of Inan. These were chosen from the congregation leaders of their father's tribes heads of the divisions in Israel.

Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name. And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month and they recited their ancestry by families by their fathers houses according to the number of names from 20 years old and above each one individually.

As you always commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. Now, the children of Reuben as a result of sun, their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house, according to the number of names every male individually from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war, those who were numbered to the tribe of Reuben.

We're 46 500. From the children of Simeon. Their genealogies by their families, by their father's house of those who are numbered according to the number of names, every male individually from 20 years old, and above all, who were able to go to war. Those who were numbered to the tribe of Simeon, were 59 300.

From the children of God, their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who were able to go to war. Those who are numbered of the tribe of Gad were 45, 650. From the children of Judah, their genealogies by their families, by their father's house.

According to the number of names from 20 years old. And above all were able to go to war. Those who were numbered of the tribe of Judah were 74, 600. From the children of Issaccar their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war.

Those who were numbered of the tribe of visakar were 54 400. From the children of Zebulun, their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who were able to go to war. Those were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun were 7400.

From the sons of Joseph, the children of Ephraim their genealogies by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war. Those who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim. Were forty thousand five hundred.

From the children of Manaza, their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 28 years old and above all, who were able to go to war, those who were numbered to the tribe of Manasseh. Were 32, 200. From the children of Benjamin their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house.

According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who were able to go to war. Those who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin. 35 400. From the children of Dan their genealogies, by their families, by their father's house, according to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war.

Those who were numbered of the tribe of Dan were 62 700. From the children of Asher, their genealogies by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war. Those who are numbered of the tribe of Asher were 41, 500.

From the children of Naphtali, their genealogies by their families, by their father's house. According to the number of names from 20 years old, and above all, who were able to go to war. Those were numbered by the tribe of Naphtali were 53, 400. These are the ones who were numbered, who Moses and Aaron numbered with the leaders of Israel.

12 men. Each one representing his father's house. So all who are numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers houses from 20 years old, and above all, who are able to go to war in Israel, all who were numbered were 603 550 But the Levites were not numbered among them by their father's tribe.

For y'all who had spoken to Moses saying, only the tribe of Levi. You shall not number. Nor take a census of them among the children of Israel. But you shall appoint the Levites over the Tabernacle of the testimony. Over all its furnishings and over all things that belong to it. They shall carry the Tabernacle and all its furnishings.

They shall attend to it and Camp around the Tabernacle. And when the Tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down. And when the Tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The outsider who comes near. Shall be put to death. The children of Israel shall pitch their tents.

Everyone by his own Camp, Everyone, by his own standard, according to their armies, but the Levites shall Camp around the Tabernacle of the testimony, That there may be no wrath on the children on the congregation of the children of Israel. And the Levites shall keep charge of the Tabernacle of the testimony.

Thus, the children of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses. So, they did.

Amen. Thus ends this reading of gods inspired and And Aaron twerked. Come now to the Book of Numbers. In God's mercy to us, accumulating much good. Uh, over through steady plotting, over time, we began September 9th. 2018 in Genesis 1 verse 1, And now we come. Uh, to the book of numbers.

Or it's Hebrew name. And, As we saw with Leviticus remember, Leviticus's Hebrew name was he cried out talking about the Lord? Calling out from the midst of the Tabernacle to give them the way into the Tabernacle. And that. Perhaps for you, at least for me. A much more helpful title for the name of that book.

So also now with the book of numbers which draws its name in the Hebrew Bible, Uh, from The third phrase there or the second phrase there in the wilderness. And that is an apt name for the book of numbers because this is going to trace the The wandering, it's not intended to be wandering at first marching.

We would say with the theme of this chapter through the Wilderness, Of the people of God. And showing that although the people were very unfaithful. Uh, not believing, not trusting rebelling against God's Authority, and God's order against whom, he had set over the people complaining and grumbling against God's provision.

Despite them doing that and worst of all, not believing the Lord about his giving the land and the people of the land into their hands. And the Lord. Judging that entire generation. We come at the end of the book to almost the same exact Numbers that God, who? Was striking down and unfaithful generation was also in the midst of it preserving and raising up children to replace their parents.

The great mercy of God. And so the The title of the book in the wilderness. Reminds us of the same thing. For instance, Psalm 95 and in Hebrews 3 and 4 using Psalm 95. That when we hear God's voice, We must look for Grace not to go astray in our hearts.

Uh, that we might not be those who wander literally In our hearts spiritually. And so we come to this book in the wilderness and it begins with a census. And you know might not have been that exciting for you. I assure you that if you had membership on one of these tribes and you were belong to one of these families who is under one of these Clan Chiefs, whom the Lord had selected by names.

Uh, it would be more naturally interesting to you, but this does come to us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit Christ, Our Prophet addressing us here. And so it Uh, it is interesting and necessary and useful for that reason, but even more than that, if we pay attention to what he is showing us by this census We will discover that many of the things that we've already identified as, Uh, as failings of the people in the wilderness, Are things that if they had been paying attention, Uh, in this census.

They would have been prepared to avoid. Uh, and so they need these wonderful truths about God. That we find in this chapter first, God rules over his people. Uh, second God is faithful to his promises. Third God gives them an impossible mission. Fourth God gives them the gift of participation.

Or calls them to action, if you will. Uh, and then Finally, in the last place that it is God who has ordained this order for his people. And that it is a life-saving mechanism. Uh first, then God rules over his people. This What censuses Express you do not have the ability or the right to muster a people, unless you're in authority, over them, in fact.

Ordinarily. The reason Kings or governments take censuses. Are for two primary purposes, one. To muster, you to go and fight the government's war or the king's war. Or the other to know how much they're able to raise in taxes. Uh, by taxing everyone. And so the Lord here asserts his sovereignty over the people.

In fact, bless God. He is the one who doesn't Take a census in order to tax them but he is the one who provides for them. There's only one government that has ever been able to provide for its people. And that is the the government where Yahweh is King, governments can only take what the people produce.

And, But only the Lord does that and there is only one government that has ever fought for its people. And that is the one in which Yahweh is King is so ironic, isn't it? That later, they would come to Samuel and say, give us a king who will go out and fight our awards for us, like, all the other nations, what blind ignorance to the way Nations and kings and Wars work.

But they literally had the only King who had ever gone and fought the wars for his people. Although he does employ them in it, but he fights for them and gives their enemies. To their hand. And so here is the sweet sovereignty. Of having Yahweh as king. Of having Yahweh as Lord.

Uh, and he orders a census. Uh, which in part communicates to them, reminds them that God rules his people. Now, one of the reasons why it took so long to read in in great summary form, I mean, the smallest of these tribes, Uh, would be a city, roughly the size of Colombia.

Uh, but So we do have it in great summary form and it's probably implied here that each of these Heads these 12 or 11? He doesn't rather no it's 12. Sorry, Joseph is divided into two to make up for Levi to these 12 tribes.

One Chief but under him, there would be the families. So according to their families and each one reporting their numbers.

3. 000 men. Really quickly. So if you thought it was a long Bible reading now just be glad that you didn't actually have to tabulate all 600 3 000 or so of these men and one of the reasons then that it was so long is because God is so faithful.

You remember? There were in Egypt. Uh, Joseph and his wife and his two children, and Simeon who is being held in the place of of Benjamin five. And there were 70, who came down From. Uh, from Canaan with, uh, with Jacob and that 70, or 75, depending on how you count it and the Bible uses Both numbers and reference that way.

Uh, that 75 is now a company of at least two million Six hundred and three thousand plus men of War. And their wives and their children in the midst of a baby. Boom. That was big enough to frighten Pharaoh. Uh, and your your floor is 2 million and Your ceiling is probably somewhere in the six million.

People range. God had been faithful. Uh, to multiply Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, as he had promised each one of them, it didn't look like it was at first Remember Abraham had? Uh, no air and then he had Ishmael by his end sin. And only Isaac was Uh, the the child of Promise Ishmael was sent away and then Isaac had To Jacob and Esau, but only one of whom was a child of Promise.

And Jacob has 12 but and a daughter. But that's not exactly saying to the seashore material, is it? And now a few Generations later and it's really not that many generations. Uh, remember that on one side of his family, Moses's grandfather was Levi. Just a few Generations later. Two to six million.

Uh, and so here is richness of generosity and A great exercise of God's power just in multiplying his people. Uh, some Some of us have. Have expressed our desire before God prioritizing, what he prioritizes his image, and particularly his renewed image, and his people in the We too look and hope that God would would do a great multiplying work among his people.

But it is specifically to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that he made. This numerical promise. And you see the greatness of God's faithfulness, every time they You know, as they were making the count, every time they had the logistical Difficulties and we're about to get to those in the in the third point they would at least have the reminder of how faithful God had been.

To his promises. And this does remind us Not to despise the day of small things. For he still says, doesn't he a multitude that no man can number And though narrow be the way and few proportionately, those who take it. Those few the remnant. Don't read the, the idea of small into the idea of Remnant.

Because it is an innumerable multitude. And do not despise a day of small things. God is faithful. He's faithful to keep his promises. So God rules over. His people goes faithful to keep

his promises. Uh, and the third thing that we see here is God's impossible Mission. Uh, he intentionally intentionally now takes his people.

Us on a mission. That they know to be impossible. I mean, I like camping. And you like camping. Some of you maybe don't like camping. Uh, and we like to play Capture the flag and we like to line up in armies and And arrange this group on this side and this group on that side and we'll get to location next week.

Lord willing. Uh, but this is really a logistical nightmare. This is Uh, this is why when you're going to do some something like that. You cap it at a certain number of people. Here is at least 2 million maybe. As many as 6 million, everybody's got to get fed, everybody's got to have water.

Everybody's got to go potty. It's got to be done in a way that doesn't, uh, that doesn't threaten, uh, health and make everyone miserable. And not only that, it's two to six million. Sinners, Which is one of the reasons that the the first kind of logistic, one of the first logistical things that caught did for them was set up the judicial system.

You remember Back in Exodus with Jethro and the elders and Uh, and the the chain of command, or the chain of appeal, Uh, going up to Moses. God has given them something impossible to do so that they would be forced to say The only way that this can be done is by the faithfulness and power and goodness of the Lord of hosts.

And so he has done for you. Dear Christian? You may be not trying to Wrangle two to six million. Uh, rebellious Israelites in the wilderness. Uh, but you know the impossibility. Of your Holiness, you know, the impossibility even of the tasks that are set before you Uh, God gives you that which is impossible to do because it's not to be done in your strength.

It's to be done, according to his word independence upon his strength. Impossibility is A feature, not a bug. It is built into the design of the Christian Life. And the Christian. Uh, wood that we would serve our almighty God in that which is impossible. Rather than be discouraged. Uh, Uh, how impossible it seems.

Uh, to make Believers out of unbelievers and filled churches. It is intentionally impossible. And we're not supposed to come up with ways to make it feel and seem possible to us. We're only. Receive the order that God has given. And giving ourselves to what he has said to do.

Know that when he does it, we will say only the power and wisdom and goodness of Yahweh of hosts. Has done this. But we are to participate, he gives us what to do. He gives them what to do. In fact he gave some them. Something to do that may not have that might have frightened some of them.

Because he doesn't just. Use the word camp in the next chapter. Uh, where he talks about where each of them can't, but he starts out here. Calling them armies. Making sure. Every time we hear the number, what does he say? He says, All who go to war. Ah, and actually the word able isn't in there.

You're going whether you're able Or not, that's supplied in our English translation. God was arranging them in armies which meant they had to fight and so they had responsibility. Yes, God would give their enemies into their hands, but they were still going to have to use swords and Spears and foes, and they were going to have to take orders and uh, and March and And, It was going to be physically demanding.

And situationally frightening. Uh, God's rule over them, God's faithfulness. God's power does not take away their responsibility. What it does do for them, is it makes their participation a privilege. That they get to be Warriors under the Lord, the king, who defeats all of his enemies. How they ought to have desired to do this and with what relish they should have studied and trained and embraced the chain of command, that was set over them and been eager When they heard about, The Giants that remained in the land still the anakim.

They should have been with Joshua. And Caleb saying look how big the guys are. That we're gonna slaughter. Because it was the Lord who had given them to do that. But there is real responsibility. There isn't there. And so we we see here the gift. Of participation. And the responsibility that God gives us.

There are many times. Uh in our Earthly life, generally speaking in our life, as far as our days, our daily labor goes. In a A land. And in a world that does that yields begrudgingly now, Uh, its produce. Uh there's much in marriage when you're a sinner and your spouse is a sinner.

There's much in parenting and pastoring in being a citizen and a nation with our, many unconverted altogether. There is much that is wearing and difficult. But it has been established for us by God. He is the one who has ordained work. The family, that's an institution of his. The the church, it's an institution of his even nations are institutions of God.

He is the one Who has established civil Authority? And, The institution of nation and uh and government. And so it is a participation in something that he is doing. That he has given to us. In all of these things. And that too just in the way that their census is described in the language used for each of the groups, he is communicating to them.

So he asserts his rule over them. Uh he demonstrates how faithful he has been to multiply them and how surely faithful he will be. To bring them into the land and to be their God. To be God to them and to their children after them. He gives them an impossible mission that They might proceed only by faith and not by By self-will or self-trust or self-righteousness.

He gives them the gift, however, of participating that they would not be. Passive. Uh, but participatory participating and then finally, it's God's order. That is ordered. Now, this ought to teach them submission. It's very hard to. Complain against gamaliel, the son of petazor. If you're in the tribe of Manasseh, because God picked him by name verse 17, Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name or called by name, well, who called them by that name.

Kids. Was God. And what responsibility each of those men must have felt Can you imagine children God names your name from Mount Sinai to Moses and says you have to be in charge. Well, you would certainly take your responsibility seriously. And if everyone else knew that, they really should not complain that you're in charge.

Some of you older children have had that. Haven't you mom or dad have been occupied with something or maybe they've gone out on a date or something. And one of the children or is left in charge and everyone has to has to obey that one why they're not the mom or the dad but they were named by Dad as the one who's in charge.

God has named the one who's in charge of each of these 12 tribes. Did you know that we have something similar? Now, God did not speak from heaven. And say David renschler or David of Clan wrenchler and Charles of Clan Mangum and Dreams of Clan Patterson. Uh, shall be the Elders that hope well, but He has given us in his word, the way to recognize Those whom he has called to be Elder.

And he has described the elders in Ephesians chapter 4 as gifts. Given from Jesus after he raised rises from the dead and he's the Victorious King, and he gives gifts among men Apostles, prophets evangelists and Pastor teachers. And even as we're seeking now, the deacons Uh according to according to scripture and coming in God's Providence and according to Jesus's own design for his church.

Shouldn't those who are Elders or those who are deacons. Serve with the same sense of responsibility to God who has set them apart. And should we not cheerfully submit since it's the Lord who put them in that place? I'm sure. That Gamali alsana Pedrazor was quite The Sinner. And there were probably occasions upon which his leadership was an unpleasant thing for those who are under him.

But he had been put there by got and they should follow God's order because God is the one who's going to defeat, even the anakim their enemies. But God is protecting them from something. Even more dangerous than giant Canaanite, Warrior Kings. God is protecting them. From God. Isn't that what he says about the Levites?

Why they're not kept in the why they're not listed in the Army. They're not listed in the Army because they're conscientious objectors and they're not going to go to war like like the rest of their brothers. They're not listed in the Army to fight against Canaanites because they were an army to attend to the Tabernacle And to create a buffer knowing clean and unclean and holy versus common.

They, they would Camp around around the Tabernacle and he says, so that Uh if anyone else comes near, they would have to be put to death verse 51. The Outsider who comes near shall be put to death and then he says In verse, 53. The Levite itself can't Camp around the Tabernacle.

The testimony that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel. Because a holy God is much more dangerous to a sinful people. Than a bunch of canaanites are. And so, God's order his organization is a life-saving provision. We follow whatever he says, we look for his authority structure, the way Jesus runs the church because Jesus loved us, and he died for us to save us.

And all of his instructions are to give us life and prospering, and joy and fruitfulness. Such a good King and such a wise King is our God. Even As he showed himself here. To the nation of Israel. Now. Many things come upon them in the wilderness. And the Apostle on First Corinthians 10 talks about, you know, how many things came upon them and and he refers to particular incidents that were going to come across in in the Book of Numbers.

Incidents in which the Lord killed. Many Israelites. He says, these things happen to them, but they were written down for our instruction for Corinthians 10. Says, So that he who thinks he stands. Should take heed, lest he fall. And praise God. He has brought us. To Faith in Jesus Christ.

He has gathered Into a church. He is set before us his way, that we might walk in it and indeed we think and hope to stand because we stand by faith. Uh, even as we'll In God's good Providence. Or as we heard, sorry in God's good Providence to us.

Uh, Wednesday evening. That we stand or we continue. By faith. But then that means that that's addressed to us, isn't it? He who thinks he stands, take heed lust, he fall. And how do we take heat? What should we pay attention to well? Remember that God rules over his people.

He has a right to you. And it's the best sort of rule. He's he's the kind of King who fights for you. He's the kind of king who provides for you. No other king can do that. Remember that God is faithful to his promises. Remember that God has intentionally given you an impossible mission.

Remember that God calls you to serve. In the ways that he is commanded, but that participating in that service as a gift. From God. And remember that it is God who has ordered the order in the And that he does. So for our good. These are the things that are written down.

For our instruction. Amen. Let's pray. Our Father in Heaven. We thank you for your mercy. Uh, your people corporately even though Uh, you were righteous and just and rigorous. Uh, Uh, the punishment that you ultimately. Brought on the generation that fell in the wilderness. We confess. Oh God, that you are marvelously patient with them.

And so, we Uh, we tremble before you Lord to realize the same unbelief. Uh, and the the same grumbling. And the same Rebellion. That was in their hearts as part and parcel of the sin that remains in us. And so we pray that Your spirit who has given us.

Uh, this For our instruction that he would bless it to us. And that we would remember to fix our eyes upon you and particularly upon you in your son, our Lord Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. That we might not have hearts that go astray, but that might, we might at last.

Enter your rest. So bring us O Lord into that rest at last for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.