

WHO DO YOU GO TO?

SERMON TITLE: Who Do You Go To?

KEY TEXT (ESV): 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

OTHER TEXTS (ESV): John 20:28, Philippians 4:19, John 15:13-15, Hebrews 4:14-16
Romans 12:14-19, 1 Peter 5:6-7.

BIG IDEA: Life will inevitably bring pressure, uncertainty, and difficult moments, and those situations reveal where our true dependence lies. While there are helpful resources and people we may turn to, we are called to make God our ultimate and first source of help, guidance, and strength. The Apostle Paul explains that the trials he faced taught him not to rely on himself but on God, who raises the dead. Faith becomes personal when, like Thomas, a believer moves from simply believing about Jesus to declaring, “*My Lord and My God*”. In difficult seasons, the example of David shows that the right response is to strengthen ourselves in the Lord rather than give in to fear or despair. Ultimately, we are challenged as believers to examine whom we turn to first in times of trouble, because that choice reveals who truly holds the authority and trust in our lives.

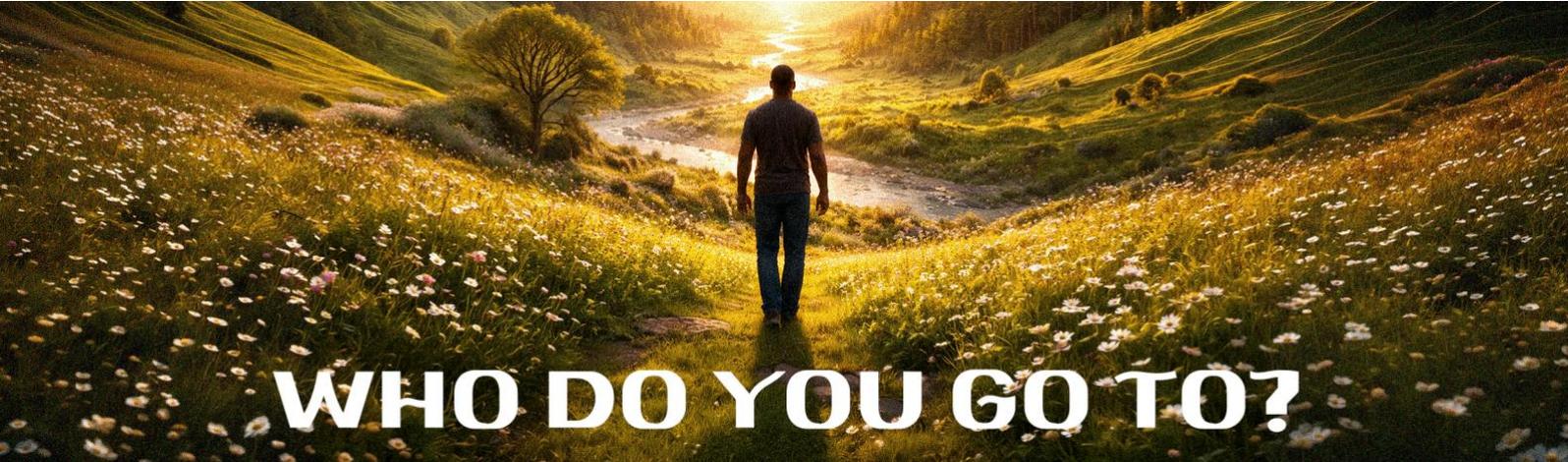
In this sermon, Reverend Vidar Ligard challenges believers to examine who they turn to first in times of difficulty and to intentionally make God their ultimate and personal source of strength, guidance, and hope.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 ESV

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

God Bless You!

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Leader Heads-Up: A quick check-in with those present and **not, and** allocate more time to the prayer points below.

A. Start Talking: Outreach and Evangelism Drive 2026

MLFC's mission is to share Christ, mature believers, and change the world. Explain how you or your zone has contributed to this mission through outreach. In what ways have your efforts helped reach more people with the message of Christ

B. Start Thinking

1. When you face challenges that feel beyond your strength, how will you intentionally turn to God first rather than rely on your own solutions or on others? **Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 ESV.**
2. Reflect on how Thomas transitioned from doubt to declaring Jesus as "My Lord and my God." What specific step will you take to show that Jesus is truly Lord in your decision-making process or challenges? **Read John 20:28 ESV.**
3. When you encounter discouragement or crisis, what specific Spiritual habits will you practice this week to strengthen yourself in the Lord, rather than allowing fear or pressure to guide your decisions? **Read 1 Samuel 30:6 ESV.**

C. Start Doing

1. **Intentionally** turn to God first in times of pressure or uncertainty, choosing to rely on His power rather than depending solely on your own strength or human solutions.
2. **Cultivate** a personal and active relationship with God and make Him the ultimate authority and source in your life.
3. **Strengthen** yourself in the Lord during difficult moments through prayer, God's Word, and faith, instead of allowing fear, discouragement, or pressure to control your response.
4. **Trust** in God's faithfulness even in challenging seasons, believing that His mercies are new every morning and that He still has good plans for your future.

D. Start Praying (Pray as a group during the meeting)

1. **Corporate Church Prayer:** Pray that you develop a deep and genuine relationship with God, making Him your first point of reference in every challenge and crisis, trusting Him as your **covenant** friend and source of help, and choosing to live with integrity and not relying on worldly shortcuts (**2 Corinthians 1:8-10 NKJV**).

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