

Help, O Lord, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth! Psalm 12:1

**Biblical Faithfulness:** Being reliable, steadfast, and unwavering in what we believe and how we live towards God and others.

#### Faithfulness is:

- A Commitment to becoming like Jesus.
- A Commitment to belonging to Jesus.
- A Commitment to <u>obeying</u> Jesus.

We establish **protection** in our relationship with God through faithfulness.

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth <u>in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.</u> 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

#### An important question:

Because God is committed to me, what does He deserve from me?

#### An important answer:

#### God deserves all of me.

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. Mark 12:30 (NLT)

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again... Proverbs 24:16

#### Faithfulness is proven over time, in difficulties, and through failures.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. Romans 5:3-4

#### The commitments of faithfulness:

- I have to decide who my life belongs to.
- "...choose today whom you will serve. ...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

#### I have to establish who I <u>live to please</u>.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 2 Corinthians 5:9

...we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. Corinthians 4:1-2

#### **Examples of faithfulness:**

Abraham was faithful in obedience.

Faithfulness means we obey God in the uncertainties.

Job was faithful in loss.

"Though God slay me, yet will I trust in him," Job 13:15

Faithfulness means we trust God in the pain of life.

Daniel was faithful in following God's ways.

Faithfulness follows God even when the crowd does not.

The door is wide and the road is easy that leads to hell. Many people are going through that door. But the door is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life that lasts forever. Few people are finding it. Matthew 7:13-15

• Paul was faithful in **serving** God's purpose.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Faithful means our devotion to God is demonstrated in the hardships we face.

#### Action Step:

Set your <u>heart on God</u> daily.

Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful.... Psalm 31:23 (ESV)



# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

## Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Do you think being faithful to God is a priority in people's lives today?
- How does our faithfulness to God protect our relationship with God?
- Discuss the commitments of faithfulness. How do these commitments fuel our faithfulness?
- Talk through the Examples of Faithfulness (Above). Which example to you like the most? Which example challenges you the most?
- Since faithfulness is not a list of things to follow, what does faithfulness in us look like?
- How does keeping our heart set on God fuel our faithfulness?

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What it means to be faithful to God

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