



## **FAITHFULNESS IN THE FIRE**



***Scripture: “Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” – Revelation 2:10 CSB***

**As men, one of our deepest desires is to be a blessing, to our wives, our children, our church, and even to those we work alongside. We long for our lives to matter, to leave behind a legacy of strength, love, and godliness. But the truth is, it’s hard to be a blessing when we ourselves are weighed down by struggles.**

**Over the past year, I have faced many physical challenges that often pulled my eyes away from the Lord. Yet, in the midst of those difficulties, God has been teaching me that true faithfulness is not proven in seasons of comfort but in times of testing.**

**Daniel was faithful when the lions roared. Joseph clung to God while forgotten in prison. Paul sang hymns while chained in a cell. And Jesus, the ultimate example, remained faithful to His Father's mission all the way to the cross.**

**Faithfulness doesn't mean we never stumble or feel weak. It means that even when we are weary, distracted, or hurting, we keep returning to God. Struggles don't disqualify us; they become the very places where God proves His faithfulness and calls us to trust Him more deeply.**

### **Living It Out**

- **At home: Be faithful in loving your wife and children, even when pain or stress tempts you to withdraw.**
- **At work: Be faithful in integrity, even when compromise seems easier.**
- **In personal battles: Be faithful in prayer and Scripture, even when your heart feels heavy and your strength is thin.**

**Ask yourself: In the middle of my current struggle, what does faithfulness to God look like? Is it confessing sin? Persevering in prayer? Choosing patience? Leaning into His promises? Whatever it is, remember this: God is not asking for perfection—He is calling us to perseverance.**