



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. How are you grateful for God's faithfulness in your life? Take a moment to thank Him for these things?
2. Where can you grow in your faithfulness to Him this year? Are there areas of unfaithfulness in your life for which you need to repent?
3. Have you accepted the FAITHFUL 7 CHALLENGE? Where are you doing well? Where can you improve?
4. Take some time to read the passage in Matthew 25:14-29 concerning the 3 servants. Where do you see yourself in that story? What do you take away from it?
5. Consider the specific commitments and responsibilities in your life a moment. Where do you need the Lord's help? Where are you wavering? Where are you standing firm?

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Take a few moments to discuss the idea of God's faithfulness with your kids.
2. Take some time to read Matthew 25:14-29. See what things your kids pick up on in the story – then breakdown the big ideas within.
3. Take some time to thank God for His faithfulness together.



Today's Service

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Series: Back to the Start

Part 4: Faithful

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

1. God's faithfulness means he will uphold His _____.

1 Corinthians 1:7-9 (NLT) ⁷ Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. ⁹ God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The term *faithful* is specifically used in connection with the keeping of God's _____.

Psalms 145:13 (NLT) ¹³ For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.

Lamentations 3:21-23 (NLT) ²¹ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: ²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

1 John 1:9 (NLT) ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Hebrews 10:21-23 (NLT) ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Hebrews 11:11 (NLT) ¹¹ It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise.

Faithfulness involves the keeping of _____; the fulfilling of _____ responsibilities.

2. God's faithfulness stands despite the _____ of those to whom he made the promises.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 (NLT) ⁷ "The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! ⁸ Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. ⁹ Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey his commands.

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NLT) ¹¹ This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. ¹² If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. ¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

Faithfulness involves the keeping of our word; the fulfilling of our responsibilities even when the objects of our faithfulness are _____.

Hosea 2:19-20 (NLT) ¹⁹ I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unending love and compassion. ²⁰ I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as the Lord.

3. God has entrusted us with _____ responsibilities and desires to find us _____.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NLT) ¹ So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God's mysteries. ² Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

Matthew 25:21 (NLT) ²¹ "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

