

<u>Series:</u> Love First week 7 <u>Sermon Title:</u> Well Done

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Exodus 34:5-6

Faithfulness is another characteristic of God that comes into us through faith and the Spirit. In Exodus 34:5-6 God is revealing himself to Moses and proving His faithfulness. God's faithfulness to all creation, His people, the future, overflowing, filling, and never-ending!

Faithfulness is not just a characteristic of God; it is a characteristic that can describe everyone who follows Jesus! Through the Holy Spirit, – this ABOUNDING FAITHFULNESS can be your description - Because when you are Surrendering to the Spirit – you change!

Your faithfulness demonstrates God's faithfulness to a lost world.

Faithfulness is the quality of unyielding, unwavering, constant support and commitment to someone or something.

In your practices

Luke 16:10-11

This is one of or Lord's life principles: trust someone to be faithful in small things Long before you trust them with GREAT things. See what they do with a little because they will probably do the same with something more valuable or more important.

In your relationships

Colossians 1:2

The early Christians were faithful to the Holy Spirit and to one another in many different ways - Serving one another, praying for one another, providing and hiding with each other. Faithfulness in relationships is like the glue that holds them together.

HUMAN EXISTENCE IS A HARD ROAD - FAITHFULNESS makes it sweeter.

In your failures

2 Timothy 2:13

God's faithfulness is not dependent upon us. To the religious leaders of his day, Jesus sternly warned them about their lack of faithfulness – notwithstanding their good religious deeds. Jesus' warning is in Matthew 23:23

Your faithfulness matters, and it matters to God in a big way. However, even in failures it doesn't change God or his call to us to imitate him. It's the reason when unfaithfulness strikes, we instinctively feel things like: "It's not supposed to be this way," unfaithfulness is painful and causes damage and destruction. The Holy Spirit will guide you back when you are ready to speak the words from your heart – "Forgive me; I will be faithful."

How do you surrender more to the Holy Spirit and become a person of faithfulness?

1. Faithfulness to God's Word

The Holy Spirit speaks directly to us through the scriptures. His Word is our guide, a road map to living a faithful life. Decide today that you will allow His Word to shape your thoughts and actions.

2. Faithfulness in Prayer

Consistent prayer, rooted in faith and trust, strengthens our connection with God and fosters our faithfulness.

3. Faithfulness in Our Actions

Faithfulness requires action. We are called to live out our faith in our daily interactions. This means being honest, forgiving, kind, and generous.

4. Faithfulness in Relationships

Faithfulness demands commitment, honesty, and perseverance in our marriages, families, friendships, or workplaces.

5. Faithfulness in Stewardship

All that we have – our time, talents, and treasures – are ultimately gifts from God. Living faithfully means using these gifts wisely, serving others, and contributing to God's work here at Grace.

There will be times of doubt, temptation, and discouragement. Yet, in these moments, we must remember the unfailing faithfulness of God. He promises to never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He will strengthen our weakness and guide us through the darkness (Psalm 23).

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- What security do you have because of God's faithfulness?
- Is there anyone in your life who was affected because of unfaithfulness on your part? Is there anything preventing you from apologizing and proving your faithfulness?
- Describe a time when you were faithful with little, and God gave you more
- Do you believe there is a limit to faithfulness?