

Living Faithfully with the Trust We've Been Given

Christianity isn't just a task to complete—it's a sacred trust we've been given. Just as someone entrusted with the cure for cancer would treat that responsibility with incredible care and urgency, we who have been given the gospel must understand the weight of what we carry. We possess the cure for something far more devastating than cancer, which can only take this life. Apart from Christ, eternal life is lost forever.

The question we must ask ourselves is simple yet profound: How are we handling this trust? Are we proving faithful with what God has entrusted to us?

What Does It Mean to Handle Our Faith with Urgency?

One of the most challenging questions facing the modern church is this: When did the spirit of procrastination creep in? "Someday" is not a kingdom principle. Kingdom principles operate on God's timing—when He says something, we respond with obedience.

The harvest is ripe and ready, and we need to be people who can read the season. But are we even thinking about evangelism as we go about our daily lives? When we wake up each morning and spend time with God, do we ask Him to use us in our workplace, with our neighbors, with our family members?

Why Urgency Matters in Sharing Our Faith

Every day is a gift, and no day is promised—not for us, not for anyone else. This truth should change how we approach our salvation and how we live it out. The people around us may not have tomorrow, even if we do. To say "someday I'll share" or "someday I'll tell them" ignores the reality that someday may never come.

This isn't about guilt—it's about understanding that the gospel is urgent. The early church lived with the urgency that Jesus could return at any time, and it would be too late. We need that same urgency to grip us today.

As Jesus said in John 4:35-36, "Wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life."

How Does Faith Transform Our Approach to Ministry?

We must carry this trust with unwavering faith that God can break into any person's life at any time. Whether we're reaching people who have never heard the gospel or praying for those trapped in destructive patterns, we need faith that the Spirit of God can move in impossible situations.

What Kind of Faith Does God Require?

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that "without faith it is impossible to walk with God and please Him." But what kind of faith are we talking about? Is it the faith of someone who simply attends church and tries to be nice? Or is it faith in the God of the universe who created everything, who heals, who breaks into situations thousands of miles away when we pray?

The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 didn't just believe in God—they acted on what He said, even when it didn't make sense. Noah built an ark when there was no sign of rain. Abraham left everything he knew to go to a place God would show him. These people heard God and obeyed, regardless of how it looked to others.

What Does Faith Look Like in Action?

Faith means sharing the gospel with someone who might initially reject it, trusting that God can change their heart. Faith means praying for healing, believing that God can work through us. Faith means dealing ruthlessly with sin and distraction in our own lives so nothing hinders our calling.

As Hebrews 12:1-2 instructs us: "Strip off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily entangles us. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking away from all that will distract us and focusing our eyes on Jesus."

Why Can't We Live Out Our Faith Alone?

God never intended for us to carry this trust individually. We are called to be part of the body of Christ, and each person has a specific role to play. The question isn't whether you attend church, but whether you're truly part of the body.

What Is Your Part in the Body of Christ?

God didn't bring any of us to church simply to consume. He brought each person because they have a specific gift that the church needs to fulfill its calling. Some gifts are visible—like preaching or leading worship—but many are not. The heart isn't visible in the human body, but if it stops, everything stops.

As 1 Corinthians 12:18 says, "God has put each part just where he wants it." Your role might not be the most visible, but it's essential for the body to function properly.

How Do We Support Each Other in This Trust?

When one part of the body suffers, all parts suffer together. When one part is honored, all parts rejoice together. We're meant to know what's happening in each other's lives, to celebrate victories and stand together through struggles.

Don't let shame or fear cause you to hide away and try to carry this trust alone. You're not meant to. We're God's body, preparing for His return, and we do that together.

Are We Living to Hear "Well Done"?

The ultimate question we must ask ourselves is this: Are we living to hear the "well done" of God? How differently would we live if that became our priority?

This requires examining whether we're being faithful with everything He's entrusted to us. Is our life still our own, or have we truly surrendered it to His purposes?

Life Application

This week, commit to living with greater urgency, faith, and community connection in your walk with Christ. Choose one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus—whether that's starting a conversation you've been putting off, reaching out to someone you haven't spoken to in years, or simply being more intentional about letting God use you in your daily interactions.

Ask yourself these questions:

- When I wake up each morning, do I ask God to use me that day to advance His kingdom?

- What fears or distractions are keeping me from being more faithful with the trust I've been given?
- How am I actively participating in the body of Christ, not just attending but contributing my unique gifts?
- If Jesus returned today, would I hear "well done, good and faithful servant"?

Remember, we have been entrusted with the hope the world desperately needs. Let's prove faithful with this incredible trust, living with urgency, acting in faith, and doing it together as the body of Christ.