

The Faithful

Faithful walk with God

Day 1

Genesis 5:23-24

23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years.

24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

This is the first reference of the word “faith” or “faithful” in the Bible. Enoch walked faithfully with God. The word “faithful” means remaining loyal and steadfast.

Walking with God itself speaks of a true, deep relationship. Amos 3:3 says “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”. This means Enoch walked in agreement with God.

God took Enoch away. Possibly the people then could have seen God taking him away just like how apostles saw when Jesus was taken up.

Well we can't forget the age of Enoch if we connect with the number of days in a year.

Application

How is our walk with God? What we must do more to become loyal and steadfast? Is there anything that we don't agree to God?

God is faithful

Day 2

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

If a question is asked why we were called? The answer can be many. We are called to be holy. We are called to glorify God. We are called to please God in everything. In this verse we can see God has called us into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul is writing this to Corinthian Church which had many problems, many weakness, many strengths... He is confident to write this because he knows, the

God who called them is faithful. He is the one who will confirm them to the end and present them blameless.

Application

Pray through 1 Corinthians 1:4-9. A prayer of thanksgiving.

Be faithful in prayer

Day 3

Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

One thing we can always see which is common in every man and woman of God is prayer. The devil cannot stop God from answering your prayer, but he can stop you from praying those prayers.

Someone said like this. Pain is a sign that you are alive. Problem is a sign that you are strong. Prayer is a sign that you are not alone.

We can't control everything that happens around us, to our family members... but we can cover them in prayer. Worry increases pressure but prayer releases peace.

Application

Pray through each family member / family group member and cover them with your desires / goals / requests for them.

What if some are unfaithful?

Day 4

Romans 3:3-4

3 What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness?

4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

There might be some who are around us who are unfaithful. May be our own family member too. But that doesn't nullify God's faithfulness. In the middle of all those doubters we need to keep on believing God's faithfulness.

If God says one thing, and every man in the world says another, God is true, and all men are false. God speaks the truth, and cannot lie. We are to believe God's truth if nobody else believes it. The general consensus of opinion is nothing to a Christian. He believes God's word, and he thinks more of that than of the universal opinion of men.

Application

List some areas where the world believes against the word of God. Pray for those who are deceived in those areas.

Faithful with few things

Day 5

Matthew 25:21

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

This is again repeated in v23. The reward was the same for both servants, even though one was given five talents and the other was given two talents. Each performed the same according to the resources they had received.

This shows that the master looked for goodness and faithfulness in His servants. Whatever financial success these servants enjoyed came because they were good and faithful. The master looked first for these character qualities, not for a specific amount of money.

Application

Are there any areas you need to improve to be more faithful in whatever God has given you already?

Faithfulness wins favor and good name

Day 6

Proverbs 3:3-4

3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Love and faithfulness goes together. God's love and faithfulness need to be the ornaments that we wear. We need to write them on the tablet of our heart. If we do that then we show the same love and faithfulness to one another.

Other scriptures with love and faithfulness...

- Psalm 85:10 - Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- Psalm 86:15 - But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- Psalm 89:14 - Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.
- Proverbs 14:22 - Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.
- Proverbs 16:6 - Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.
- Proverbs 20:28 - Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.

Application

Meditate on the above scriptures.

God guards the lives of his faithful ones

Day 7

Psalm 97:10

Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

God's people are those who love Him and do not turn to idols for. But if we love Him who is holy, we will hate that which is unholy.

We should love Him, obey Him ("hate evil"), rejoice in Him, and give thanks to Him for all His mercies. After all, He protects His people, delivers them, gives them light for their path, and puts gladness into their hearts.

Application

Remember the times when God delivered you from the hand of the wicked and praise Him.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms..

Christian love must result in service. Love will show itself as we give to the church family what God has given us as gifts.

Each Christian has at least one spiritual gift that he must use to the glory of God and the building up of the church.

We are stewards. God has entrusted these gifts to us that we might use them for the good of His church. He even gives us the spiritual ability to develop our gifts and be faithful servants of the church.

Application

Have you identified the gifts that you have? Make plans to use it more and more to the glory of God.

Revelation 2:10

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

No words of accusation are given to the congregation in Smyrna! God assured them that He knew the devil's plans and was in complete control of the situation.

Their tribulation would not be long; ten days signifies "a brief time". The important thing was faithfulness, standing true to Christ no matter what the government might threaten to do.

It costs to be a dedicated Christian, in some places more than others. As end-time pressures increase, persecution will also increase, and God's people need to be ready.

Application

Pray for the government and the persecution that you are aware of.

Let His faithful people sing on their beds

Day 10

Psalm 149:5

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

The faithful are so happy in God's glory that they sing aloud on their beds. Waking hours do not give enough time to express all their praise and joy unto God, so they must continue it on their beds.

Though songs of praise are especially wonderful among the assembly of God's people, they should never be restricted to the assembly. It is a sacred and wonderful thing for the faithful to sing aloud on their beds.

Application

Sing few favorite songs aloud (on bed!).

Faithfulness to the truth

Day 11

3 John 1:3

It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.

It always gives a great joy when we hear believers testify about someone who is faithful to the truth. Do we give that joy to others about our faithfulness to the truth? How great it would be if we have this reputation about us.

To walk in truth means to walk in a way that is real and genuine. It means to walk consistent with the truth you believe. If you believe you are a child of God, then walk like a child of heaven. If you believe you are forgiven, then walk like a forgiven person.

Application

What are we known for today? Write down few areas what you want to be known for and what changes you need to make.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

A faithful person is a man of truth who deals truly and justly in all his bargains and transactions with others. He is honest and upright. The blessings signified can be from both God and man. Men will utter his name with praise and God will show His approval by blessing him.

One who is anxious to become quickly rich may not be innocent. It is not about the possession of wealth nor even the acquisition of it, is evil but the eager haste of covetousness. He might not be called or known as a faithful person and in turn he might not be richly blessed.

Application

How is our transactions with others? Do we owe anything to anyone – plan to pay back and inform your plan.

Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Justice, mercy, and faithfulness are the important qualities God is seeking. Obeying the rules is no substitute. While it is good to pay attention to details, we must never lose our sense of priorities in spiritual matters.

Jesus did not condemn the practice of tithing. The Pharisees majored on minors. They had rules for every minute area of life, while at the same time they forgot about the important things.

Application

What are some convictions we used to have which we are not practicing today? Are we minoring on majors and majoring on minors? Pray through it.

Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

From generation to generation, the Lord can be trusted. It is significant that the fathers' and mothers' worship today will have an important influence on their children tomorrow.

In all generations our God shows himself to be faithful to His promises. We could not love and honor a God who was not true to his promises, and who did not himself love the truth; we could not honor one who was changeable and flexible - who loved one thing in one generation and a different thing in the next.

Application

Think about how your parents worship made an influence on you? Pray through it. Make a list of decisions of what you would like to pass to next generation from your life.

Matthew 1:19

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly..

One of the things that the Jews were determined to follow was the law of Moses. They made sure they were faithful to the law. Joseph being faithful to the law finding grounds to make sure he abides by the law at the same time not exposing her to public disgrace.

Today we can see around with others and even in our personal lives, in a context of following the law, we are tempted in putting others to public disgrace. That gives a sense of satisfaction when we lift us up and put others down.

Application

We have two greatest commandments. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Love God and Love One Another. What we need to do more to be faithful to this two commandments.

1 Samuel 2:9

He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails;

As God's people walk on this earth and walk in the light, the Lord will guard and guide their steps, but the wicked will walk in spiritual darkness because they depend on their own wisdom and strength.

It may seem that the wicked "have it made," but one day the storm of God's wrath will burst upon them in fierce judgment. God is longsuffering with those who resist Him, but their day is coming.

Application

Thank God for showing His grace in your life to get back to him whenever you almost relied on your own ability or wisdom or other things which made you feel secure more than God.

Matthew 24:45-47

45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Jesus told us that we must carry on with diligence while the Lord is gone. We must be that faithful and wise servant who takes care of his master's business while the master is away.

Jesus also promised that we will be rewarded for our diligence. The servants serve the master, but the master knows how to take care of and reward the servants.

Application

What are some things that we might have to improve in our service to God so that when the Lord returns he will reward us.

If we are faithless, he remains faithful

Day 18

2 Timothy 2:11-13

*11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.*

What a pair of paradoxes! Death leads to life! Suffering leads to reigning in glory! We have nothing to fear! The important thing is that we not “disown” our Lord, for if we disown Him here, He will disown us before the Father (Matthew 10:33).

In that great “roll call” in glory, when the “medals” are given out, we will lose our reward if we disown His name. But Paul makes it clear in v13 that even our own doubt and unbelief cannot change Him: “He abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself.” We do not put faith in our faith or in our feelings, because they will change and fail. We put our faith in Christ.

The great missionary, J. Hudson Taylor, often said, “It is not by trying to be faithful, but in looking to the Faithful One, that we win the victory.”

Application

Remember the times you were faithless and how our faithful God delivered us. Decide that you will never disown Him.

Serve Him faithfully with all your heart

Day 19

1 Samuel 12:24-25

*24 But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.
25 Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will perish.*

All our service, all our obedience, all our love for God should be put in this context. We do it because of the great things He has done for us. We don't serve God so as to persuade Him to do great things for us. He has done the great things and asks us to receive them by faith. Then we serve Him because of the great things he has done for us.

We can only keep perspective in our Christian lives if we keep focused on what great things He has done for you. If we lose perspective, everything is distorted. Many people tend to magnify their problems and lose sight of what great things He has done for you.

Application

God has done great things for you. List a few and give glory to God and make a decision to serve him faithfully.

The Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself

Day 20

Psalm 4:2-3

2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

3 Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

David asked a valid question. Just how long will the ungodly keep to their way? They can't keep to it forever, so they may as well abandon it now and be blessed.

David knew that he and other godly people were set apart for God. God sets us apart for our own enjoyment, greater purity, special service... We should be confident that God will hear our prayers. When prayer seems ineffective, it is worth it to take a spiritual inventory to see if there is a reason for unanswered prayer.

Application

In what way you feel that God has set you apart for himself? What are some answered prayers in the recent past? Give glory to God.

Psalm 91:3-4

3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

God is represented as a bird, sheltering young chicks under His wings. It is faith which makes us the little chicken and God the hen, so that we can hide, hope, hover and cover under his wings, for there is health in his wings.

This hidden life of worship and communion makes possible the public life of obedience and service. This God shelters us beneath the wings of the cherubim, but He also gives us the spiritual armor we need (Eph. 6:10–18). His truth and faithfulness protect us as we claim His promises and obey Him.

Application

Read through Ephesians 6:10-18 and mediate on it.

Proverbs 20:6

Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

It is true that almost everyone feels they are good in their own eyes. Many are happy to proclaim it, wanting others to know all their supposed goodness.

True faithfulness in a man is different than self-advertised goodness. A faithful man doesn't want or need to proclaim his own goodness.

Application

Look at yourself in the mirror of God's Word. Does your family member, friend... find that you are a faithful friend? Do the necessary in order to please God.

Luke 12:42-44

42 The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?"

43 It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.

44 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions..

All who are servants of Jesus must be ready for His return, but those who are ministers among His servants must all the more be ready.

Ignorance of the Divine shall not wholly excuse the sinner, he shall be beaten, but his stripes shall be few, his damnation shall be gentle compared with a minister's, that knows his Master's will but does it not; teaches it to others, but does it not himself...

God looks upon wicked, loose, and scandalous and mischievous ministers as the greatest transgressors, and he will deal with them as such.

Application

Examine your heart with regards to all the responsibilities that has been entrusted to you. How would God feel about you? Will God put us in charge of more things?

Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

God is stable in his nature, invincible in his power, fixed and immutable in his counsels, promises, and ways; so that if there should be a sad change in your affairs, remember that this proceeds from yourselves, and from the change of your ways toward God, and not from God.

His work is perfect. All his works, whether of creation, providence, or grace, and all his actions are unblameable, perfect, wise, and righteous. His dealings with you his people, and his administrations in the world toward all mankind, are just and holy in the highest degree.

Application

Do you doubt God has done somethings wrong in your life? Pray for wisdom to understand the plans of God.

A faithful priest

Day 25

1 Samuel 2:35

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.

- This promise was partially fulfilled in Samuel, because he functioned as a godly priest, effectively replacing the ungodly sons of Eli.
- The promise was partially fulfilled in Zadok, in the days of Solomon, because he replaced Eli's family line in the priesthood.
- The promise was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, because He is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:12-17).

1 Peter 2:4-5 - 4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We also are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood.

Application

Offering Spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God – Meditate on it.

To the faithful you show yourself faithful

Day 26

2 Samuel 22:26-27

26 To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

27 to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

God often treats a man in the same way that man treats others. Jesus explained this principle in the Sermon on the Mount: For with what judgment you judge,

you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you (Matthew 7:2).

Human nature wants to use a small measure of mercy with others, but wants a large measure of mercy from God. Jesus told us to expect the same measure from God that we give to others.

Application

Read Psalm 18 and pray through it.

The Lord preserves the faithful

Day 27

Psalm 31:23-24

23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, And fully repays the proud person.

24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.

A soul that truly loves God does not lack any reasons for loving Him. God gives us many reasons to love Him. Those that have their own hearts full of love to God, cannot but desire that others also should love him: for in his love there is no need to fear a rival.

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. This encouragement to praise God has a warning to those who refuse to do so. God's people have reason for good courage, because God does strengthen the trusting, hoping heart.

Application

Faithful or proud – what are you known for? Why? Pray specifically about where you are at.

Those who have been given a trust must prove faithful

Day 28

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

What did Paul and the other apostles “manage” in the household of God? Among other things, they were stewards of the mysteries of God. They “managed” (in the sense of preserving and protecting) and “dispensed” (in the sense of distributing) the truth of God.

For stewards, the important thing was faithfulness. They had to be efficient managers of the master’s resources. A steward never owned the property or resource he dealt with; he simply managed it for his master and had to manage it faithfully.

Application

List some scriptures that you treasure and share to few why you treasure those scriptures.

Fruit of the Spirit

Day 29

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The characteristics that God wants in our lives are seen in the ninefold fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit of God works faithfulness in us, both to God and to people. It is the characteristic of the man who is reliable.

The ability to serve God faithfully through the years and through the temptations of life is not something we achieve by heroic virtue. It comes from the Spirit.

Application

What we must do more to live by the Spirit (Galatians 5:25-26 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.)

Proverbs 2:7-9

7 He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

God not only gives wisdom in His word; He actively works to defend, guard and preserve those who walk in His ways. For he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

He who is taught of God understands the whole law of justice, mercy, righteousness, and truth; God has written this on his heart. He who understands these things by books only is never likely to practise or profit by them.

Application

Do you feel protected? Pray specifically about how you feel and why you feel that way?

Psalms 145:17-28

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. His ways and works are both worthy to be praised. Jehovah cannot be unjust or impure. Let his doings be what they may, they are in every case righteous and holy. This is the confession of the godly who follow his ways, and of the gracious who study his works.

Whatever God is or does must be right. In the salvation of his people he is as righteous and holy as in any other of his ways and works: he has not manifested mercy at the expense of justice, but rather he has magnified his righteousness by the death of his Son.

Application

Praise God through Psalm 145.