

# FAITH OR FAITHFULNESS

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## THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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We live in a broken world beset by painful experiences that prevent us from trusting others. Faithfulness, a fruit of the Spirit, can be a challenging trait because it requires a steadfast faith.

- 1. God's faithfulness is unparalleled because it is the essence of who He is.** The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations (Psalm 100:5).
- 2. What is FAITHFULNESS?**
  - 2.1. It means to commit regardless of challenges.
  - 2.2. It pertains to LOVE "hanging on" saying "I WILL NOT QUIT" despite unending trials.
  - 2.3. It denotes firmness or constancy of God in His relationship with us.
- 3. Faithfulness and Love** always go hand in hand. God's faithfulness is His unwavering commitment to us, His steadfast love and His unfailing promises.
- 4. We are all being challenged to be FAITHFUL:**
  - 4.1. in stewardship (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).
  - 4.2. in service (Ephesians 6:21).
  - 4.3. in marriage (1 Timothy 5:9).
  - 4.4. in witnessing (Revelations 2:15).
  - 4.5. in prayer (Romans 12:12).
  - 4.6. in ministry (Colossians 1:5).
  - 4.7. in truth (3 John 3).
  - 4.8. in following the Lord (Revelations 17:14).
  - 4.9. unto death and receive the crown of life (Rev 2:10).

### 5. Jesus demonstrated faithfulness (Matthew 16:21-23).

- 5.1. Jesus was focused and determined to carry out His mission. He had to go to Jerusalem to suffer, to be killed and to rise on the third day (v. 21).

5.2. Satan used Peter to take Jesus off His mission, to quit and to be unfaithful to the call of suffering on the cross and die on the cross (v 22-23).

5.3. Jesus exhibited firm determination and total commitment to what He was called to do no matter what. He remained faithful to the mission God had for him (v23).

### 6. How do we develop Faithfulness?

- 6.1. We should be attached to the "Vine" who is Jesus Christ to produce the fruit of faithfulness.
- 6.2. We need to be aware of temptations that may cause us to be unfaithful to the mission God has set for us.
- 6.3. We need to seek the Holy Spirit's empowerment and develop positive spiritual habits: regular prayer life, and studying the word of God, among others.
- 6.4. We need to get back up whenever we fall.

#### Conclusion:

God calls us to be faithful because He is faithful. We are guaranteed that He will enable us to be faithful. We must allow His Spirit to work within us so that the fruit of faithfulness is real and evident in our lives. Since we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we reflect reliability, trustworthiness, and faithfulness that will enable us not to let go, not to give up, but to keep pressing and hanging on.

#### Reflection:

1. What is your biggest challenge in faithfulness?
2. How will you cultivate your faithfulness to God?

#### Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, we ask for your grace to help us to yield to Your guidance, to keep our commitment and devotion to You, and choose only the things that please You. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!*

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