

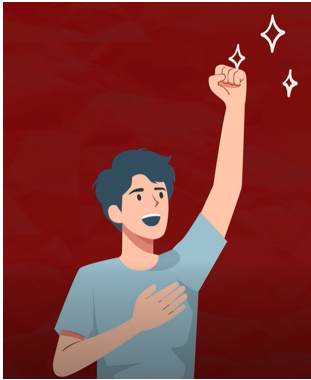
CONVICTION, INTEGRITY

The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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Whenever we speak of conviction, we cannot separate it from integrity, as the two are deeply connected. Conviction means remaining faithful to God in both belief and action, through sacrifice, struggle, and adversity. On the other hand, integrity is something we continuously work for by consistently living by or fighting for our commitments and choices. Hence, having a faith-filled conviction leads to integrity.



1. Conviction leads to a life of integrity.

- 1.1. We must be consistent in both words and actions. Furthermore, we should honor commitments with sincerity and courage. When we say “yes” to someone, we should truly mean it. When we say, “I love you,” we should be willing to fight for it (“pinaninindigan”).
- 1.2. Conviction rooted in faith in God leads us to live a life of honor (“dangal”). We develop a character that knows how to stand firm, and this leads us to a life of integrity.

2. The Story of Daniel: Faithfulness in Action (Daniel 6).

- 2.1. Daniel remained faithful to God even in adversity. He continued to pray and was thrown into a pit of lions because of his faith; yet, he emerged unharmed through God’s protection. Figuratively, we too are thrown into pits surrounded by “lions”- problems, hardships, confusion, temptations, and struggles that may consume us if we fail to handle them without the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- 2.2. As we grow older, these “lions” also grow bigger. Likewise, as we grow closer to Christ, our challenges become greater, and our conviction to remain faithful in Jesus Christ is tested.
- 2.3. Unwavering fidelity means remaining faithful to Christ even when it is difficult or inconvenient. Being faithful means surrendering our selfish interests, desires,

and pride. Through this surrender, we learn to become sincere, loving, and humble.

3. How do we carry the heavy weight of fidelity?

- 3.1. **Persevere in faith.** We must persist in embracing Christ’s way of life, not merely through prayers and works, but in all aspects.
- 3.2. **Live a prophetic life.** By living in close relationship with God, we should faithfully embody His truth through our words and actions. Despite our weaknesses, let us try to mirror Christ in our daily life.

4. The Path to Integrity involves:

- 4.1. **Selfless witnessing.** We must become living instruments of Christ through actions and words, thereby showing His love in a loving, and sacrificial way. Moreover, let us profess Jesus in every decision and action, and point people toward God rather than ourselves.
- 4.2. **Living Proclamation.** We must all live a life that visibly reflects the Gospel. There should be no disconnection between faith and our lifestyle.

5. Morality is a full-time commitment.

- 5.1. Our faith cannot be separated from the choices we make in all aspects of our lives. Let us choose Jesus every day.
- 5.2. Our faith must be counter-cultural, resisting deceit, impunity, corruption, and blind obedience. We should choose to build truth, kindness, compassion, and righteous obedience to the ideals of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

Conviction or the courageous belief in God leads to a life of integrity. Remaining faithful amid sacrifice, struggle and adversity requires perseverance, humility, and courage. Let us allow the Lord to guide our choices and be our source of strength.

Reflection:

1. What “lions” in your life challenge your faithfulness to God?
2. How can these struggles strengthen your integrity and faith in Jesus Christ?

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