Believe

Week 28

Where are we going after the Believe Series?

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God's Design for Church Leadership

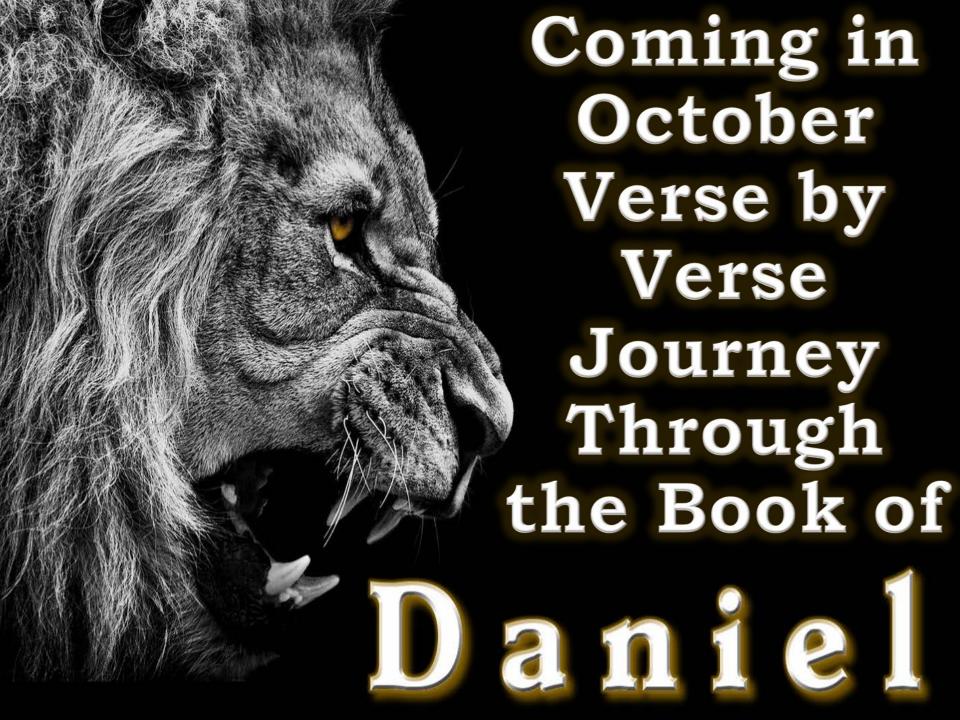
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Faithfulness

How do you define faithfulness?

Greek pistis

- Faith
- Belief
- Trust
- Confidence
- Fidelity
- Faithfulness
- One who can be relied on

Faithfulness describes someone whose faithful service we may rely, on whose loyalty we may depend, whose word we can unreservedly accept

Faithfulness describes someone in whom there is an unmovable and steadfast devotion to Jesus Christ and Biblical Truth with an absolute dependence on God

...Does this describe you?

Is faithfulness something that is common in our society today?

Why?

Proverbs 20:6 Many claim it, but few have it.

Psalm 12:1-3

Not possible for liars, flatterers, and boasters. Even David felt it had vanished from the human race thousands of years ago.

GOD is our best example of faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided— "Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

2 Timothy 2: 13

if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Revelation 19: 11

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True.

God is Faithful to:

✓ Have Compassion on us

Lamentations 3: 21-23

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

God is Faithful to:

- ✓ Have Compassion on us
- ✓ Protect us from sin

1 Corinthians 10: 13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

God is Faithful to:

- ✓ Have Compassion on us
- ✓ Protect us from sin
- ✓ Forgive us when we do sin

1 John 1: 9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God is Faithful to:

- ✓ Have Compassion on us
- ✓ Protect us from sin
- ✓ Forgive us when we do sin
- ✓ Mature us and Keep us

1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

God is Faithful to:

- ✓ Have Compassion on us
- ✓ Protect us from sin
- ✓ Forgive us when we do sin
- ✓ Mature us and Keep us
- ✓ Protect us from satan

2 Thessalonians 3: 3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

God is Faithful to:

- ✓ Have Compassion on us
- ✓ Protect us from sin
- ✓ Forgive us when we do sin
- ✓ Mature us and Keep us
- ✓ Protect us from satan
- ✓ Promise of eternal life

1 John 5: 11-13

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 14: 1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Faithfulness is a command 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.

Hebrews 11: 1,6

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see... And without faith it is impossible to please God

1 Corinthians 4: 1-2

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Faithfulness is required in all areas of our lives.

Luke 16: 10 (NLT)

Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

Are you faithful In Your Relationship to God?

- In your use of what God has given you?
 - ✓ Matthew 25: 21
 - ✓ Romans 12: 6-8
- In prayer?
 - ✓ Colossians 4:2

Are you faithful In Your Relationship to God?

- In Bible Study?
 ✓ Joshua 1: 8
- In Church?
 - ✓ 1 Timothy 4: 13
 - ✓ Hebrews 10: 24-25
- In Giving?
 - ✓ Deuteronomy 16:17

A question to ask yourself

"If everyone were as faithful as I am, what kind of church would this be?"

Are you Faithful In Your Family Relationships?

- Parents to children and children to parents?
 - ✓ Ephesians 6: 1-4
 - Husbands to wives and wives to husbands?
 - ✓ Ephesians 5: 22-33

As with all the Fruits of The Spirit they are visible by others and can have a profound effect on them.

Question-Are You Known As A Faithful Person By Others?

- Can people trust your word?
- Do you keep appointments?
- What about paying your bills?
- Do you make promises that you do not keep?
- Are you dependable?
- Do you live what you profess?
- Are you living what you believe?

Is it possible to be faithful to God and others in difficult times?

Where do we find this faithfulness?

John 15: 5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Repeat after me

I will establish a good name with God and others based on my loyalty to those relationships.