



DATE: 28 October 2018

SERMON TITLE: Faithful to the End

WELCOME: Welcome all New Visitors. Do an Icebreaker.

WORSHIP: SING: 1 Praise Song & 2 Worship Songs. During Prayer Time focus on God's GREATNESS AND POWER!

WORD

Read: Luke 14:25-35

CONTEXT:

- God wants us to finish the year strong!
- It's how not you start the race but how you finish
- Stay in your lane, don't look around
- Even though you're part of a group you have to run for yourself to finish your race
- Dip at the finish line! Run through the tape

To become a true disciple of Jesus Christ, you must be willing to surrender everything and everyone to Him and for Him.

Believers should understand God requires our total surrender and loyalty, above our parents (26) 2

Our loyalty to Jesus should be above our spouse and children (26), Our loyalty to Jesus should be above our siblings (26), and Our loyalty to Jesus should be above our own lives and desires (26). We must be willing to give up every aspect of our lives for obedience to God (27). If we count the cost and follow Him, **we can finish the race strong** in our walk with Christ (29, 30). If we count the cost and follow Him, **we can live victoriously** in our walk with Christ (31-33). If we count the cost and follow Him, **we will be effective and useful** for God in our walk with Christ. "The test of our **loyalty** is the measure of our sacrifice" Phifer

1. LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS HAS IT'S BEGINNING IN GOD

Read: Psalm 36:5

O LORD, your loyal love reaches to the sky; 1 your faithfulness to the clouds. 2

Deuteronomy 7:9

So realize that the LORD your God is the true God, 1 the faithful God who keeps covenant faithfully 2 with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

- God's love for us inspires our loyalty to Him
- God didn't send an angel, He sent Jesus!
- He loved me before I even knew Him
- Jesus is a friend that sticks closer than a brother (loyal);
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Your life is a safe place for others!

Read: 1 John 4:7-11

OWN NOTES:



2. LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS COMES FROM THE HEART

Proverbs 20:6

Many people profess their loyalty, but a faithful person – who can find?

(Message)

6 Lots of people claim to be loyal and loving, but where on earth can you find one?

Jesus was a loyal and faithful servant

Isaiah 11:2

The LORD's spirit will rest on him 1 – a spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom, 2 a spirit that provides the ability to execute plans, 3 a spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the LORD.

3. FAITHFULNESS AND LOYALTY LEADS TO FRUITFULNESS

Faithful in what is least

- Being faithful when you can least afford it
- Being faithful when the least amount of people are watching
- Being faithful when you least feel like it
- Being faithful when it's least deserved
- Being faithful when you are least likely to see a return
- Being faithful when it's least expected
- Being faithful when it's least necessary

Faithful in unrighteous mammon

- Being faithful in tithes and offerings

Faithful in what is another man's

- Faithfulness in another man's vision
- Results don't happen at random, results are the fruit of faithfulness and making the effort
- Not by might or by power, but by the Spirit
- What can be built one faithful and consistent day at a time?
- There's no overnight success
- Faithfulness gets up, dresses up and shows up day after day.
- Don't overestimate what can be built in a year and underestimate what can be built over a lifetime
- **Faithfulness allows God to finish His work in His time and in His way-compromising faithfulness is unbelief and lack of trust in God**
- **Faithfulness believes and trusts that what God wants for me is better than what I want for myself**
- **Faithfulness recognizes the gift of grace as a stewardship**
- Gratefulness and humility handles the blessing for the good of the Kingdom
- It's all about people, not success or ego
- Where did we get the idea that this all about us??
- You used to find a way now you are finding excuses
- You used to be hungry and desperate now you are comfortable and complacent
- If the door doesn't open, it's not for you!
- The closing of certain doors in your life may be a setup to test your faith; to see how far you're willing to stand in trusting God to come through for you.
- How willing are you to wait on Him until He comes through for you?
- God isn't a genie in a bottle that just grants wishes,
- **You have to be persistent in your faithfulness so God can see your heart!**
- Learn to live above your emotions
- Do good while feeling bad if necessary
- Emotional healing comes from going through the pain, not numbing yourself to pain.

Read: Micah 6:6-8 (Message)

OWN NOTES:

WORKS

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

[WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST!](#)

People in your world who have experienced adversity, bind the work of the enemy in their lives and release the blessings of God into their lives and invite them to the Celebration Service for them to experience the power of God under the ministry of the Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer:

Monday Evenings 17:30 – 18:30 pm

Friday Mornings 5:45 to 6:45 am

Pre-Prayer Sunday's – AM 07:45 / PM 17:10

Thursday Prayer Nights 17:30 – 18:30 (Intersession)