

# Keep Tahoe Spiritual : Faithfulness- God's & Ours

Fruit Of The Spirit- Part 7 Gal. 5:22-23  
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## 1. What is 'Faithfulness'?

To the Hebrew mind, faith meant *confidence*. It was the capacity to enter a life with courageous expectations. The person of faith did more than believe in his heart, or develop an attitude of trust. He stepped out into life to act on that belief. His mental assurance & convictions were transformed into action. -Our Father Abraham, By Marvin Wilson - pg. 184

Hebrews 3:1-2 ...fix your thoughts on **Jesus**, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> **He was faithful to the one who appointed him**

## 2. Hurdles to being Faithful?

a. In our modern vocabulary we have separate definitions for the words 'faith' and 'faithfulness'. In contrast, in the majority of the Bible, they are used interchangeably.

B. Faithful people base their lives on core convictions, not on convenience. In contrast, our modern world view says, 'the grass looks greener over there'.

c. We live in a world where it's easy to get distracted - it's easy to **forget** God's truth and **His faithfulness** to us!

**Deuteronomy 24:18 Remember** that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there.

**Deut. 11:18-20** Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads... <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates

## 3. How can I practice it?

a. Organize your day so that you can talk with God regularly.

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. -King David, Psalm 5:3

B. Focus on being present and available in your primary relationships.

Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, & wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet. Jn 13:4-5

C. Win a good name with a good work ethic!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for humans, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24



### Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. We covered a few of the typical challenges that we face when it comes to being faithful. What are your top two challenges?
3. On first reading:  
Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and James 2:17...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.  
It may appear that there is a contradiction between the two verses. In light of the message today how do you reconcile the use of 'faith' in the verses?

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