

## Faithfulness

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Faithfulness is something that is lacking in our culture today. God, our Father, is faithful, and therefore, it should become part of our character as well. In this message, we want to first look at how God is faithful, and then also look at how we are to be faithful as well.

### 1. God is Faithful

#### A. Our Salvation

- Upholding His Responsibilities - 1 Cor. 1:7-9
  - God is the one who is to prepare us to be blameless in the day of Jesus Christ
  - God is faithful
- Upholding His Promises - 2 Cor. 1:20-22
  - “Yes” is a strong affirmation here in Greek - “verily” or “yea”
  - “Amen” is another affirmation of something that is truth spoken
  - God “establishes” us - Strong’s defines it as “stabilitate”

*Read Deut. 7:7-8*

Israel was God’s chosen people; He chose them through whom He would speak to the world and through whom the Messiah was to come. He chose them not because of how great a nation they were, but because He chose them and loved them. Similarly, God doesn’t save us because of how great we are, but rather simply because He chose us and loves us.

#### B. His Church - Matt. 16:18

- This is His church, His bride
- He is faithful to it - He is building it

### 2. As God’s Children We Need to be Faithful Too

**Note:** There’s a word that we use all the time when referring to good sound systems - “hi-fi”. In fact, we have a store here at Botany called JB Hi-Fi. What does “hi-fi” stand for? (High Fidelity). What is fidelity? It means faithful. So, a sound recording that is “hi-fi” means it is highly faithful to the original sound that was made.

We are to be hi-fi. We are to be a faithful representation of our Lord, Saviour, and our Father. We are to be a faithful representation of Him when people see us.

1 Corinthians 4:2 *“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”*

What stewardship has been entrusted to you?

- Husband? Wife? Be faithful!
- Children? Be faithful!
- Opportunity to serve in ministry? Be faithful!
- Chance to share the gospel with someone? Be faithful!
- One day God will call us before Him and we give an account
- I want to hear “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

### 3. Three Things For Certain - Phil. 1:6

- A. We are all works in progress
- B. God will complete his work
- C. God’s not done yet!

**Closing verse:** Jude 1:24-25

#### Questions:

1. In what ways do we see so much unfaithfulness in our culture today? Why is this so important to God?
2. In what ways are we to be faithful in our stewardship- to our husbands/ wives/families/ministries/etc?
3. Realising that we are all God’s works in progress, how should that make us see our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? What should our attitude towards them be?

**Prayer:** *“Father, thank You that You are a faithful God. There is none more faithful than You! As Your child, I must grow in Faithfulness and be a better, “hi-fi” follower. One that is a faithful representation of You. Help me be faithful in my family, my marriage, my ministry, my sharing Christ, my stewardship. Thank You for the 33 years You have given to our church and for the lives You’ve changed. Thank You, in Jesus’ name I pray, amen!”*