



summer

MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PURSUE THE BEST THINGS

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Pursuing Faithfulness

Memory Verse for July: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23



WHAT IS FAITHFULNESS?

According to Strong's, faithfulness means to be firm, unmoved, and inclined to trust. God is our perfect example of how to live faithfully before God and man.

2 Timothy 2:13 ESV - "If we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself." Aren't you thankful for that? And when we fail, He is faithful and just to forgive and make us new (1 John 1:9).

WHAT ARE TRAITS OF FAITHFUL PEOPLE?

According to our memory verse, loyal people hold tight to the promises of God.

Faithful people:

1. Search the Bible and know what the promises of God are. We can't hold tight to something we don't know.
2. Believe even when we can't see. This is hope.
3. Revisit past stories of His faithfulness to people in Scripture, people in the church, and our own family.
4. Follow God's commands: 2 Peter 1:5 says to do the hard work of learning what God requires of us. Practice moral excellence, seek knowledge, restrain our selfish desires, endure through trials with patience, imitate Christ's character of humility, and show affection/love for others. *All by His grace.*

WAYS TO BUILD A STEADFAST FAITH

- Ask for forgiveness when you know you have been less than faithful.
- Be in community with healthy accountability.
- Think on right things throughout your day. Be intentional with your thought life. Take captive anything that hinders faithfulness to God.
- Pray as you go through the moments of your life. Also set aside intentional time to pray with focused attention.
- Be honest with God about your feelings, cares, needs, and doubts, etc.
- Wrestle with things that hinder you from growing. Keep fighting and seeking wisdom.
- Worship, sing, and praise God in work, song, play, and always in our hearts.

What are some ways you can think of to build up your resolve to remain faithful?

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