

FAITHFULNESS IS
BETTER THAN LIFE

6 MYTHS about FAITHFULNESS

1. Faithfulness means that I must remain stagnant

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. ²⁰ The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’” The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and **faithful** servant. You have been **faithful** in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!

Matthew 25:19-21

2. Faithfulness means staying
in our comfort zone

“The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you”

Genesis 12:1

3. Faithfulness equates to
mediocrity

“So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus— **22** from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.”

Acts 1:21-22

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”

1 Timothy 1:12

4. The reward of faithfulness is immediate, and we determine the reward in our own terms

Radical Christianity is being able to stay faithful in the small decisions. It is making small steps in obedience toward the right direction. Small things over time, makes the biggest difference.

“A faithful person will be richly blessed,
but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.”

Proverbs 28:20

5. Faithfulness is determined by own striving and has got nothing to do with God

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”

Hebrews 12:2

“If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.”

2 Timothy 2:13

6. Faithfulness is my own personal journey, and has got nothing to do with other people

“ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.”

Hebrews 11:39-40

WHAT DOES
FAITHFULNESS
LOOK LIKE?

22 "And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, **23** except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. **24** But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Acts 20:22-24

25 "And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again. **26** I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it's not my fault, [\[b\]](#) **27** for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

Acts 20:25-27

Bound by the Spirit
to the will of God

“And now I am bound by the Spirit...”

Acts 20:22

“Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Matthew 26:42

Trusting God in all
things

“ I don't know what awaits me...”

Acts 20:22

“In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” ⁷ The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.”

Galatians 3:6-9

Not forsaking Christ
in affliction

“...city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead.”

Acts 20:23

⁹ "I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. ¹⁰ Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

Revelations 2:9-10

Finishing the race

“But **my life is worth nothing** to me unless I use it for **finishing the work** assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

Acts 20:24

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have **remained faithful**. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8