

# FAITHFULNESS

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1. **Our faithfulness must find its root in the faithfulness of God, not our \_\_\_\_\_. Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered faithfulness begins as a \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s faithfulness to us!**

EPHESIANS 5:1-2; LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24; 2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13; HEBREWS 10:19-25

2. **We should strive to be faithful because \_\_\_\_\_ and we want to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

• Faithful to \_\_\_\_... Faithful to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and God’s \_\_\_\_\_... Faithful to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **How do I grow in faithfulness?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ the things that God values.
- Care more for \_\_\_\_\_ than you do for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keep your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ to do the things God has given you to do \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **What should I do when I’m not faithful?**

- Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ in your sin... Learn to repent \_\_\_\_\_.
- Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Seek \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth that God’s \_\_\_\_\_ are new every morning!

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### 1. Our faithfulness must find its root in the faithfulness of God, not our self-effort. Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered faithfulness begins as a response to God’s faithfulness to us!

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### 2. We should strive to be faithful because God is faithful and we want to imitate Him.

- Faithful to God... Faithful to God’s plan and God’s mission... Faithful to one another.

### 3. How do I grow in faithfulness?

- Value the things that God values.
- Care more for others than you do for yourself.
- Keep your word.
- Be obedient to do the things God has given you to do everyday.

### 4. What should I do when I’m not faithful?

- Don’t wallow in your sin... Learn to repent quickly.
- Trust in the grace and forgiveness of God.
- Seek reconciliation.
- Rest in the truth that God’s mercies are new every morning!