

DAY 12 | FAITHFULNESS OVER SELFISHNESS

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“For am I now trying to persuade people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Galatians 1:10

In Galatians 2:1–10, we see Paul and Barnabas faithfully following God’s calling without seeking recognition or approval from people. Paul stood boldly for the truth of the gospel, refusing to compromise the freedom we have in Christ, while Barnabas served alongside him with humility and support. Their example reminds us that:

Faithfulness doesn’t always look like being in the spotlight; sometimes it means standing firmly for truth, and sometimes it means quietly encouraging and supporting someone else.

Paul also reminds them to remember the poor, showing us that faithfulness to the gospel is expressed not only in what we say but also in how we love and serve others.

During this fast, ask God to help you choose faithfulness over recognition, obedience over approval, and service over self-promotion.

PRAY

LORD, teach me to serve with a willing heart. Where pride may try to take root, may Your Spirit bring humility and help me grow in selflessness. Make me a humble and gentle servant.

In Jesus’ Name, amen.