

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

FAITHFULNESS

What do you think of when you hear the words "be faithful"? Faithfulness includes consistency, integrity, being a person of your word and honoring God. We'll look at the definition and God's Word to focus on how to be a faithful person. God tells us that if we are faithful we will "end well." You have to start now to end well!



DAY 1

GOD IS FAITHFUL

"YES, THOU ART EVER PRESENT, POWER
DIVINE; NOT CIRCUMSCRIBED BY TIME,
NOR FIXED BY SPACE, CONFINED TO
ALTARS, NOR TO TEMPLES BOUND. IN
WEALTH, IN WANT, IN FREEDOM, OR IN
CHAINS, IN DUNGEONS OR ON THRONES,
THE FAITHFUL FIND THEE."

-HANNAH MORE

New International Version

Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and
all his ways are just. A faithful God who
does no wrong, upright and just is he.

DAY 1

PRAY: Dear God, You are my rock and Your works are perfect! Thank You that all Your ways are just. You are such a faithful God. I'm so grateful that You do no wrong, but that I can turn to You, who is upright and just. You are not only my creator, You are also my faithful helper, guide, comforter, and my source of strength and wisdom. Praise You for being so faithful! I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!

REFLECT: Have you ever thought of all the names of God? He defines Himself through His deeds, His personality, and His promises. But His most amazing quality is that through all of life's disappointments, tragedies, joys, and desert times, He is FAITHFUL! He never turns away or forgets and He's never too busy. He is ALWAYS there for us, even when it doesn't feel like it, or when our circumstances don't seem to reflect that. Are you walking through a dark time now? Even Jesus cried out, "Why have You forsaken me?" before God raised Him from the dead. Hang in there. He is faithful.

ACT: Can you remember times when you felt that God was far away? Look back now and see that He has been with you all along. Make a list of:

1. When God was your ROCK -
2. When you experienced His PERFECT WORKS -
3. When you experienced or saw His JUST WAYS -
4. When He was FAITHFUL to you -

And remember in the days ahead that God does no wrong, He is upright, and He is just and He is always with you! He is a faithful God!

DAY 2

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

"AS I LOOK BACK OVER FIFTY YEARS OF MINISTRY, I RECALL INNUMERABLE TESTS, TRIALS AND TIMES OF CRUSHING PAIN. BUT THROUGH IT ALL, THE LORD HAS PROVEN FAITHFUL, LOVING, AND TOTALLY TRUE TO ALL HIS PROMISES."

-DAVID WILKERSON

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Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

DAY 2

PRAY: Lord, when I feel discouraged, scared, or overwhelmed, please help me to remember Your great love for me and that You will never let me get consumed. I am so grateful that Your compassions NEVER fail, but they are new every single morning. Oh Lord, great is Your faithfulness. Amen and Amen.

REFLECT: It's sometimes hard to take God at His word, especially when we don't feel His love or His presence. When He seems distant it's hard not to feel consumed. But if our faith is real and His word is true, then we will not feel consumed because we are completely engulfed in His great love. How would you get to the place where you not only believe, but you feel His never-ending compassion and love every morning, every afternoon, and every evening? How would you fully rest in the truth that He is always faithful?

ACT: Because of the Lord's great love for us we are not consumed. So, take a few minutes just to sit in the presence of your God and talk to Him. Tell Him how much you appreciate and are thankful for His faithfulness. Take this time to remind Him of all the times that He has been so faithful to you. Then praise Him for His never-ending compassion on you that is new every morning. Just bask in the memories of His great love and thank Him for His faithfulness.

DAY 3

RELY ON HIS FAITHFULNESS

"I KNOW OF NOTHING WHICH I WOULD CHOOSE TO HAVE AS THE SUBJECT OF MY AMBITION FOR LIFE THAN TO BE KEPT FAITHFUL TO MY GOD TILL DEATH, STILL TO BE A SOUL WINNER, STILL TO BE A TRUE HERALD OF THE CROSS, AND TESTIFY THE NAME OF JESUS TO THE LAST HOUR."

-CHARLES SPURGEON

New International Version

Psalms 86:11

Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

DAY 3

PRAY: Heavenly Father, I need You every moment and yet I know that's right where You want me, for only then can You teach me Your ways. And only then will I rely on Your faithfulness. Oh Father, give me an undivided heart. I want to fear Your name with awe, embrace Your teaching, and trust that regardless of my circumstances You are faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

REFLECT: We should never stop learning and growing in our walk with the Lord. We should always be asking Him to teach us His way, so that we can learn to completely rely on His faithfulness. Otherwise, it's just a concept or a Bible verse. Do you think it might be that the only way to have an undivided heart and to fear His name is through practice, and through constantly asking Him to teach us, change us, strengthen us, and give us wisdom? Maybe only then will we not have a divided heart and, in the most beautiful way, truly fear His name. Only in relying on His faithfulness to us can we remain faithful to Him.

ACT: Ask God right now to teach you how to rely on His faithfulness. Ask Him to give you an undivided heart for Him, without anyone or anything distracting you or pulling you away from Him. Ask God to bring you to the point in your love for Him that you actually fear Him – not be scared, but have a deep awe of Him and His omniscience and omnipresence. And don't stop asking until you know you have learned these truths. He is faithful.

DAY 4

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL TO PROTECT YOU

"OFTEN TIMES GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS FAITHFULNESS IN ADVERSITY BY PROVIDING FOR US WHAT WE NEED TO SURVIVE. HE DOES NOT CHANGE OUR PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES. HE SUSTAINS US THROUGH THEM."

-CHARLES STANLEY

New International Version

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

DAY 4

PRAY: Lord, will You help me to believe that You are faithful to all people, in all parts of the world – whether they believe in You or not? Give me strength to believe that You will protect all Christians from the evil one, regardless of where they live or what they do? Thank You for protecting me from the enemy, and that You are faithful to the people in Hollywood. Would You also protect them from the evil one? You are faithful, so help me and the Hollywood professionals to be faithful to You and Your promises. Amen.

REFLECT: Many Christians around the world honestly believe that God loves some people more than others, or that He will just help the people who believe in Him. That's why so many Christians hate Hollywood and judge and talk against people who work in the entertainment industry. We Christians must remember that God loves and is faithful to all people. And that's why we should pray for the people in Hollywood. We must also believe that God protects all His people from the evil one, so there is no place too dark or scary to be – even Hollywood.

DAY 4

ACT: If you think negatively about the people and the projects created in Hollywood, would you ask God now to show You that He loves those people as much as He loves you, and every single person He has ever created. Ask Him to help you not be afraid of Hollywood. And if you've ever told a talented young person not to go to Hollywood because it's evil, would you ask for forgiveness, for God protects all of His children from the evil one, regardless of where they are. We should never be afraid. God is faithful, even to the people in Hollywood.



DAY 5

DO GOOD AND FIND LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

"BE FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS BECAUSE IT
IS IN THEM THAT YOUR STRENGTH LIES."

-MOTHER TERESA

New International Version

Proverbs 14:22

Do not those who plot evil go astray?
But those who plan what is good find
love and faithfulness.

DAY 5

PRAY: Jesus, I pray today for myself and my loved ones, to keep our hearts and minds away from plotting evil, for I don't want any of us to go astray. I ask that You help me and my family and friends to plan only what is good so that we will find and experience Your love and faithfulness. I need You to protect me from doing anything that could cause me to go astray. I want to find love and faithfulness by planning only what is good. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: There is a belief amongst some people that God will punish anyone who goes astray or sins. But there is also the truth that God created a world with built-in consequences so that when we sin or plot evil, we will naturally experience the consequences of those actions. This verse says that those who plot evil will go astray. Could it be that this fact is not God's punishment but merely a natural result of disobeying God's plan for our lives? The positive result of doing God's will, or here, to plan what is good, is to find love and faithfulness. That is the natural consequence of obeying God's commands.

ACT: Have you ever plotted evil against someone? That sounds extreme, but it may be a subtle choice that seems inconsequential, like telling a lie. Make the commitment right now to only "plan what is good." Choose to obey God's word in everything you say and do, especially in the little things. Because of the way God created us and this world, only then will you live in love and faithfulness – two of the most important gifts that God has given us.

DAY 6

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

"THIS JOB HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME TO DO. THEREFORE, IT IS A GIFT. THEREFORE, IT IS A PRIVILEGE. THEREFORE, IT IS AN OFFERING I MAY MAKE TO GOD. THEREFORE, IT IS TO BE DONE GLADLY, IF IT IS DONE FOR HIM. HERE, NOT SOMEWHERE ELSE, I MAY LEARN GOD'S WAY. IN THIS JOB, NOT IN SOME OTHER, GOD LOOKS FOR FAITHFULNESS."
-ELISABETH ELLIOT

New International Version

Matthew 25:21

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

DAY 6

PRAY: Dear Father in Heaven, I want to hear the words "Well done, good and faithful servant" from You some day. Please help me to be faithful with everything You give me; every relationship, and every responsibility in my walk with You. I want to experience Your joy and happiness and I know that will only be possible if I learn to be faithful to You, to other people, and to Your word. I will start with a few things and prove worthy so that You can put me in charge of many things. Oh Father, I want to come and share in Your happiness! Amen.

REFLECT: One of the best things a child can hear from his or her parent or teacher is, "Well done!" And isn't that what we also want to hear from God? How can we earn that compliment? It's not by our accomplishments or our titles, or by how much money we make, or success we achieve. It's merely by being faithful, which is defined in the dictionary as "loyal, constant, steadfast." God doesn't expect us to do the impossible. He says that if we have been faithful with a few things, then He will put us in charge of many things. If we keep our eyes on Him and ask Him for help, we too can share in our Master's happiness.

ACT: Make a list of a few things that you know you are faithful in or with. Are you satisfied? Is there anything else you can add or work on? Ask God to help you become faithful in more things in your life. Expand your list so that you can be working toward hearing His beautiful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

DAY 7

LET LOVE & FAITHFULNESS NEVER LEAVE YOU

FAITHFULNESS, NOUN (FROM WEBSTER'S 1828 DICTIONARY)

1. FIDELITY; LOYALTY; FIRM ADHERENCE TO ALLEGIANCE AND DUTY; AS THE FAITHFULNESS OF A SUBJECT.
2. TRUTH; VERACITY; AS THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.
3. STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE DUTIES OF A STATION; AS THE FAITHFULNESS OF SERVANTS OR MINISTERS.
4. STRICT PERFORMANCE OF PROMISES, VOWS OR COVENANTS; CONSTANCY IN AFFECTION; AS THE FAITHFULNESS OF A HUSBAND OR WIFE. CONSTANT; NOT FICKLE; AS A FAITHFUL LOVER OR FRIEND.

New International Version

Proverbs 3:3

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

DAY 7

PRAY: God, I want to end this week with the commitment to never let love and faithfulness leave me. Would You bind them around my neck and write them on the tablet of my heart. Would You make me a faithful person, overflowing with love. I want to be more like You, staying faithful to the truth and walking in it. And I pray this in Your name. Selah. Amen.

REFLECT: God says many times in the Bible that He is faithful and that He wants us to be faithful. Faithful to what? To whom? What do you think it means to be a faithful person? Are you a loyal friend? Are you constant in your love, joy, peace, patience, goodness and faithfulness? Are you steadfast in your walk as a Christian, being a good example and role model? Think about what it means to bind faithfulness around your neck and write it on the tablet of your heart. Sometimes it seems impossible, but with God all things are possible.

ACT: What is one situation or relationship to which you can be more faithful? Is it to a loved one? A job? A project you need to finish on time? Is it to spend more time with God, or memorize scriptures? Define that one area of life where you know you need to be more faithful, then write it down and commit to it. Write it on the tablet of your heart. Take one step to become more faithful. God will honor your choice and your commitment. You are ending the week one step closer to being a faithful person, and God is pleased.