

FAITHFULNESS

From Genesis to Revelations or you can go backward from Revelations to Genesis, it does not make a difference. You will find two principles that the Bible just shouts at us. We are to have faith and we are to keep faith. This is what happened to Adam and Eve when God told them to keep the Garden and maintain it or you will lose it. Likewise we also have to keep our faith and not lose it when everything seems to be going wrong. God tells us in His Word to “stand therefore”, or you could say “therefore stand”.

The Word tells us what to do and how to stand. The problem most church goers have is thinking the Bible is an “Open Book”. It is not an open book, it has to be opened. It is not a decoration on the coffee table it is a “Study Path.” As you study the Word, you grow in your faith and then you become “faithful.” The ones who are faithful are the ones who are full of faith. In other words your “FAITHFULNESS” will be fulfilled.

Faithfulness is the bloodline of Christianity. Faithfulness is the principle that handles the little things in life. It is the little things that decide our life and our destiny. It is not the big stuff, just the little things. God has the big ideas and He lets us handle the small details. The little things we do are what make our character. When the Devil sends hard times and they will come it is the little things you do that will turn it around. I realize that if I would just talk as much about my faith, as I do my hard times, faith will turn the hard times around.

Faithfulness also carries a treasure in Heaven. In Revelations 2:10 we see these words, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” We know God is a rewarding God and He gives rewards to those who seek Him. When we seek Him, faithfulness lets us do what He tells us to do. The Bible tells us that what we sow, we will also reap. He tells us in Malachi 3:10 to bring our tithe to the church. If you do, you will be rewarded. You have shown your faithfulness. To know God is to love God. When you are faithful to Him, He is faithful to you. What a reward for faithfulness. A crown in Heaven is given to you by your Savior.

Faithfulness will cost you something. If your faithfulness does not cost anything, it may be time for you to inspect the quality of your faith. If it is not costing you something then your quality of faith is not very strong. There are some who don't like going to church because they always find some reason not to go. It is just easier to stay home. I have found to learn about “Faith” and to be able to grow in my faith, I have to go to church. That is what being faithful in all about. My faith becomes stronger when I go to the church that God has sent me.

When I am at the place He has destined for me to be, then I know, that I know, that I know, through faith in Jesus Christ, all things work for the good of those who seek Him. Church is helping me to keep my faith by seeking Him more. My hope and prayer is that you will do the same right here at Ryanwood Baptist Church.

God Bless You,
Brother Jimmy