**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. What is faithfulness?
		1. It means integrity, loyalty, steadfastness, dependability, and fidelity.
	2. Matthew 25:21
	3. Are you faithful?
		1. Can you be counted on?
		2. Proverbs 25:19
	4. There is a serious lack of genuine integrity and faithfulness among men.
		1. Men’s words seem to mean little today, whether it is a marriage contract, a business contract, or a treaty between nations.
		2. Many people have admitted to calling in sick when they are not sick, short-changing a customer, stealing on the job, or cheating on examinations in school.
		3. It has been said that the great problems of our time are moral and spiritual rather than political and economic.
	5. 1 Corinthians 4:2
		1. This is not just a desire.
		2. This is a requirement.
		3. Faithfulness is the basic, fundamental ingredient of character.
	6. We will not know God’s blessing apart from faithfulness.
		1. Psalm 31:23
			1. Do you want God to watch over you and take care of you?
		2. Faithfulness is God’s requirement for our stewardship.
		3. Faithfulness is God’s measurement for our blessing.
			1. One day we will stand before God, and the reward or the lack of it will be according to our faithfulness.
	7. Are you a faithful man?
		1. Are you faithful to your wife?
		2. Are you faithful to your children?
		3. Are you faithful to your government?
		4. Can you be counted on?
		5. Do you have integrity?
	8. In today’s message, we will look at the following areas of faithfulness:
		1. Where men are to be faithful.
		2. Why men are to be faithful.
		3. How men are to be faithful.
2. Where men are to be faithful
	1. We need men who are faithful to their families.
		1. The motto of every married man should be, “Always faithful.”
			1. Adultery is the ultimate act of unfaithfulness.
			2. When we marry, we make a solemn vow to keep ourselves for our spouse.
			3. We don’t have to commit the physical act of adultery to be unfaithful.
				1. Some have love affairs with their work, sports, or other things.
		2. Children need a father who will be faithful.
			1. Some of the major problems that teenagers have are bitterness and resentment.
				1. The resentment is directed not toward the mother, but toward the faither over the matter of broken promises.

We need to be careful what we tell our children.

In a weak moment, we will promise them anything.

Then, we forget; but they don’t forget.

* + - * 1. If we want to restore our relationships with our teenagers, then one of the best things we could do is to go back and search those times when we have broken our promises.

Ask God to forgive us.

Ask them to forgive us.

Ask them if we have ever made a promise that we have failed to keep.

* 1. We need men who are faithful with their finances.
		1. Luke 16:10-13
			1. In this passage, “unrighteous mammon” means money, finances.
			2. How we handle our money is an indication of how we would handle spiritual treasure.
			3. God may be withholding a blessing from you that He wants to give you because He has first tried you with money.
				1. God has given you money.
				2. You haven’t been faithful with that money.
				3. Therefore, God cannot give you spiritual blessings.
		2. True riches include the following:
			1. Spiritual power
			2. Insight into the Word of God
			3. Answered prayer
			4. Fellowship with Jesus Christ
			5. Joy unspeakable and full of glory
				1. If we have these things, then we are truly rich.
		3. Most people think that if they get right with God spiritually, then God will bless them materially.
			1. But the Bible says that if we are not right with that which is material, then God cannot bless us spiritually.
		4. 1 Corinthians 16:2
			1. This was Paul’s instruction to a church at Corinth, telling them how to bring their money to God’s house on God’s day so that God’s work would be done in God’s way.
				1. It is not emotional; it is methodical.
				2. We are to give proportionately as God has prospered us.
	2. We need men who are faithful to their friends.
		1. A person is exceedingly blessed if he has friends.
		2. Proverbs 17:17
		3. Proverbs 18:24
		4. Friends will fail.
			1. They will stumble, forget, and sometimes do us wrong.
		5. If you have a friend, then be a friend to your friend.
			1. Be a faithful friend.
	3. We need men who are faithful to the fellowship.
		1. We need to be faithful to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
		2. Romans 12:5
			1. I belong to you, and you belong to me.
		3. We owe to one another a fearful loyalty.
		4. We should be faithful to the attendance of the fellowship.
			1. Hebrews 10:25
		5. There are people who claim to be Christians, but they do not belong to and are not faithful to a local fellowship.
			1. Such a thing was unthought of in the Bible.
				1. To be a Christian meant that you were faithful to the fellowship.

You attended when the gathering gathered together.

If you stopped attending, then it was assumed that you were lost.

* + - 1. The average member is not as faithful as they should be.
				1. We have joined the cult of the comfortable.

We come when it pleases us.

* + 1. We should be in the house of God on a regular basis.
			1. We should bring our prayers, tithes, Bibles, love, and influence to the house of God faithfully week after week.
			2. What do we have and what do we do that is more important than being a part of the blood-bought body of the Lord Jesus Christ, the local and visible expression of the body of Christ?
			3. Hebrews 10:25
		2. When we go to church, we say two things:
			1. God is important to us.
			2. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are important to us.
				1. We go to bless one another.
	1. We need men who are faithful to the faith; faithful to the Word of God.
		1. There is a battle for the Bible.
		2. 2 Timothy 1:13-14
		3. There is a generation today who does not know the great truths of the Word of God.
			1. They don’t stand for the faith that was once-for-all delivered unto the saints.
			2. It is the responsibility of the father to do the following:
				1. Instill that faith into their children.
				2. Be faithful to the faith.
				3. Teach what the Word of God says.

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* + - 1. We are only one generation away from paganism.
			2. We have to pass these truths on to the next generation.
		1. It has been said that the chief danger of the century will be forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, religion without the Holy Spirit, and Heaven without Hell.
			1. That is what is being preached today in pulpits across our nation.
1. why men should be faithful
	1. Men should be faithful because Jesus Christ is faithful to us.
		1. Which of us has not sinned?
		2. Who has not failed and stumbled?
		3. 1 John 1:9
	2. Jesus Christ is faithful in temptation.
		1. Every day, we are tempted.
		2. 1 Corinthians 10:13
			1. We would fail were it not for the faithfulness of God to help us in times of temptation.
	3. Jesus Christ is faithful to keep us from falling.
		1. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
		2. We are not kept saved by holding onto God; we are kept because He holds onto us.
			1. He preserves us faithful to the end.
			2. This is illustrated by Noah’s ark.
				1. God did not leave Noah and his family on the outside of the ark trying to hold on as best they could.
				2. God brought Noah and his family inside the ark.
				3. When they came in, God shut the door.

God shut the water out and shut Noah in.

* + - * 1. Noah may have fallen down inside the ark, but he never fell out of it.
		1. Faithful is He who calls us.
			1. It is not that we hold onto Him, though we ought to.
			2. It is that He holds onto us.
	1. One of these days, Jesus is coming.
		1. We look for and long for His coming.
	2. Revelation 2:10
		1. Our goal should be to finish well.
			1. It does not matter how far ahead we may be in a race.
			2. If we quit running, then we will lose, no matter how far ahead we are.
		2. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
			1. Paul was ready to be a sacrificial lamb.
			2. He was getting ready to leave this world.
			3. He was faithful to the fight, faithful to the faith, and faithful to the finish.
				1. Matthew 25:21
	3. Why should we be faithful?
		1. Because Jesus Christ is faithful.
1. how men are to be faithful
	1. Men are to be faithful in the small things.
		1. Luke 16:10
		2. All big things are made up of little things.
			1. Our bodies are made up of various members.
				1. These members have various parts.
				2. These parts have smaller components called cells.
				3. These cells are made up of molecules.
			2. The ocean is made up of drops of water.
				1. The drops are made up of molecules.
				2. The molecules are made up of atoms.
			3. Time is made up of ages.
				1. Ages are made up of years.
				2. Years are made up of days.
				3. Days are made up of hours.
				4. Hours are made up of minutes.
				5. Minutes are made up of seconds.
		3. If we will be faithful in the small things, then the big things will take care of themselves.
			1. The big things in life are made up of little acts, little words, and little thoughts.
				1. We cannot have the much without having the little.
		4. Use integrity in the small things.
		5. Fathers need to train their children to be faithful in little things.
			1. Teach them to give their pennies to Jesus.
				1. One day, they may give more to the cause of Christ because they learned to be faithful in that which is least so that they can learn to be faithful in that which is much.
		6. The men in the Bible who were used of God were faithful in small things.
			1. Before David went out against Goliath, he slew a lion and a bear.
				1. That is how he knew that he could take care of Goliath.
			2. David knew how to be faithful in the small things.
				1. Therefore, he could be king over Israel.
	2. Men are to be faithful in the secret things.
		1. Who you are in secret is who you are, nothing more and nothing less.
		2. When we think that no one is in the room with us, Jesus is in that room.
		3. Matthew 6:6
	3. Men are to be faithful in the sacred things.
		1. Be faithful to meet with God.
2. CONCLUSION
	1. How do you have faithfulness?
		1. It is not by resolution and not by gritting your teeth.
		2. Galatians 5:22
			1. This is translated, “*The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness*.”
		3. Just abide in the Lord Jesus.
			1. Come to Him.
			2. Be committed to Him.
			3. Surrender to Him.
				1. And God will make you faithful.
	2. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	3. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16