

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

WEEK: NOVEMBER 1-7, 2025

SERIES INFO

Rotten: In a world of fake smiles, quick tempers, and shallow love, we're all producing something. Every word, every choice, every action plants something in someone's heart—either life-giving or toxic. But the Spirit grows something different: love when hate comes easy, joy when life feels heavy, peace in the chaos, patience when you're pushed, kindness in a cruel world, goodness when nobody's watching, faithfulness when others walk away, gentleness in a culture that shouts, and self-control when everything says give in. That's not surface-level. That's transformation. And it might be the very thing that marks the difference between being ruled by the mess around you and being fueled by something greater.

PERSONAL FUN FACTS

Would you remain faithful to:

- Your favorite coffee shop if they took away your favorite item, or your favorite restaurant if they changed the menu? (Like no chicken nuggets at Chick-fil-A!)
- Your favorite team if they lost for 6 straight seasons?
- Your good friend if he/she moved across the country?
- Your favorite hair stylist or barber if prices increased substantially?

What determines your faithfulness to a brand, a person, or a community?

TAKEAWAYS

What were the greatest “takeaways” you had from the message this week about the Holy Spirit producing the fruit of faithfulness within you?

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God's Faithfulness to Us

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23, Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 102:25-27

One of the aspects of God that is most affirmed in Scripture is His faithfulness. We live in a world that often fails us, but God never fails. He remains faithful and consistent through our highest and lowest of moments. God has bound Himself to us in a covenant relationship, which is a faithful relationship that He establishes with us and is rooted in His promises, His character, and His love. In other words, our relationship with God is not dependent on our effort to perform perfectly for God so that He might love us in return. On the contrary, when we belong to Him, the relationship with Him is based on His faithful commitment to extend His grace and love to us each and every day. His unchanging character and faithfulness are what gives us hope in an ever-changing world.

- How have you seen the world change dramatically in your lifetime? (think about how people view truth, family, religion, and morality)
- Why is it important that we understand that God is unchanging in His nature and unending in His faithfulness? (think specifically about how this relates to the world we live in)
- What Scriptures give you comfort in the fact that God's faithfulness provides hope in your life today? How does this truth remind you of how you have personally experienced God's faithfulness?

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Our Faithfulness to God

Scripture: Matthew 25-14-27, Philippians 1:6

This week's message highlighted the above Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. We all have been given skills, talents, and possessions by God. Our responsibility is to use them in ways that will accomplish God's purposes. Jesus teaches the need for faithfulness, and He will reward faithfulness. We want to steward well our possessions, time, and abilities so God and His kingdom will receive the greatest possible return. We heard this week that "faithfulness [to God] isn't about being perfect; it's about doing something with what God gave you." Often, being faithful to God begins with the small stuff in our lives.

- What "small things" in your daily life might be training grounds for faithfulness to God? In other words, where are you experiencing "spiritual consistency?"
- Describe a time when you have wanted to give up, but you persevered because God demonstrated faithfulness in your life?

Our Faithfulness to Others

Scripture: Proverbs 3:3-4, Ruth 1:1-22

The story of Ruth is one of the clearest pictures of faithfulness that is lived out in human relationships. It is a story of covenant love, loyalty in hardship, and God's redemption through everyday obedience. Expressing the fruit of faithfulness in our relationships means that we choose the relationship over convenience. When we do, we reflect the character of God, who is always faithful to His people even in life's worst moments.

- How can we express faithfulness like Ruth in our everyday relationships?
- How can our consistency and faithfulness to one another in the church be a witness of God's character in our community?

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APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

- How is God faithfully completing a work in you?
- Where is God calling you to deeper faithfulness in relationships?
- **Action Steps This Week**
 - Stay close to the Source by allowing the Spirit to center you and fill you
 - Show up when it is easier to quit
 - Finish what God started

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that You are unchanging and steadfast—that Your faithfulness never fails, even when we stumble or the world around us shifts from beneath our feet. We confess that our faithfulness often falls short. Forgive us when we are inconsistent or unwilling to persevere. Strengthen us to trust You with our lives, our relationships, and our daily choices, knowing that the work You began in us, You will carry on to completion.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.