## Glenwood Baptist Church

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Worship Service

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# **SpiritFruit**

Lesson Eight • Matthew 25:14-30

## The SpiritFruit of Faithfulness

## What Is the SpiritFruit of Faithfulness?

Faithfulness is being DEPENDABLE and RELIABLE in our God-given duties and devotion.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

## Bearing the SpiritFruit of Faithfulness:

## 1. God EXEMPLIFIES Faithfulness to Us!

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23 NIV

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5 NIV

If we are faithless, He remains faithful... 2Timothy 2:13 NIV

#### God's Faithfulness Is Reliable, Therefore:

We can trust God to REDEEM us and RETURN for us.

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 NIV

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1Corinthians 1:7-9 NIV

## 2. God EXPECTS Faithfulness from Us!

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 1Corinthians 4:2 ESV

### Four Questions from the Parable of the Talents:

- What are you going to DO till Jesus comes? *Matthew 25:14-18*
- What are you going to SAY when Jesus comes? *Matthew 25:19-25*
- What are you going to HEAR when Jesus comes? Matthew 25:21, 23, 26
- What are you going to RECIEVE when Jesus comes? Matthew 25:21, 23, 28-30

### The Call to Faithfulness:

Be a FAITHFUL follower of Jesus till He comes again knowing that it's not in vain.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1Corinthians 15:58 ESV

### Communion:

### A Reflection on God's Faithfulness, A Motivation for Our Faithfulness

Followers of Jesus Christ are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!