



Family Worship Service
Numbers 13-14; Luke 18:18-30
Week of March 3-9, 2019

Two Faithful Men from the OT – Joshua and Caleb

Numbers 13-14 – take time to read and highlight

12 go to scout out the land flowing with milk and honey.

10 come back with a negative report. The ten reported that it is true that the land flows with milk and honey, HOWEVER . . . verse 28.

What is your HOWEVER? What is/are the thing(s) that you allow yourself to believe and trust over what you know to be true about God? (many times it can be circumstances that we find ourselves in – broken relationships; sickness; job or family issues; etc.)

How is it that we can be sure to trust God with our eternity, but not for today?

Numbers 13 - grasshopper mentality – “believing that you are less than what God says you are and believing that other people see you as inferior as well.”

Joshua and Caleb come out with a good report because they knew that God was faithful.

Numbers 14:24 “But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.”

God honors faithfulness, not only for our sake, but for His glory.

Two Faithful Men in the NT

“And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.””

Luke 18:18-30 ESV

Jesus is faithful to be our substitute/our redeemer - He gave all.

Rich young ruler was faithful according to the world’s standard. His most precious possession he was not willing to surrender.

What are you struggling to surrender?

What is the “possession” (relationship, job, person) you love more than Christ?

Thursday, 3/7 begins 45 Days of Faithfulness

You can find the daily devotions at this website - 45days.faith

Let's review the 7 parts of 45 Days of Faithfulness remembering that **God's faithfulness can fuel our faithfulness.**

What commitments are you making in each of these areas?

A leap of faith . . . 45 Days of Faithfulness

- Faithfully give - be more faithful in giving
- Faithfully grow - 45 min/day in prayer and God's Word
- Faithfully invite - 4-5 households to come to church
- Faithfully gather - 45 new members in community groups (4-5 new groups)
- Faithfully share - 4-5 conversations about Jesus w/ friends and neighbors
- Faithfully fast - 45 days of sacrifice or abstinence
- Faithfully serve - 4-5 instances of serving through the church

How is God challenging you to rely solely on Him?

Take time for members to share their prayer concerns and pray for one another.