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part 1

Faithful to God

Setting Our Sights on a Lifetime of Serving Christ



Hebrews 3:2-6 ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. (NIV)

1. Note _____ 2. Note _____ 3. Be _____ (v.6b)

(v.2, 5)

1A

How?



(v.2-6a)

2A

3A

1B

How Long?



2B

3B

1C

How Much?



2C

3C

1D

How Well?



2D

3D

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Moses was certainly a key figure in the Old Testament – a good example of fulfilling a challenging call from God in a trying time. List a few other *biblical* characters that have impressed you with their faithfulness and commitment to do what God had called them to do.

Who are some “extra-biblical” examples of faithful men and women who have stepped up in church history (or in your life) to be faithful to the role that God has called them to fulfill? What were some of the costs associated with their faithfulness?

2. How does the perfect faithfulness of Christ affect the way you think about him, trust him and pray?

How can you keep the faithfulness of God in the forefront of your mind more often, especially when times seem uncertain in your own life?

3. List a few of the roles that God has called you to fulfill as a follower of Christ? What are some of the costs associated with fulfilling those roles?

4. Roll the clock forward ten years in your mind. Assuming that you are still alive and that Christ has not yet returned for his church, what manifestations of faithfulness to Christ do you imagine in your “grown up” Christian life?

What steps can you take today to insure that you are moving in that direction?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

October 23rd

Jer.45-46 & 2Th.1

October 24th

Jer.47-48 & 2Th.2

October 25th

Jer.49-50 & 2Th.3

October 26th

Jer.51-52 & 1Tim.1

October 27th

Lam.1-2 & 1Tim.2

October 28th

Lam.3-4 & 1Tim.3

October 29th

Ezk.1-2 & 1Tim.4

October 30th

Ezk.3-4 & 1Tim.5

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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