

CULTIVATING *Character*

Message 7 Faithfulness

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Outline

► *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**...* Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

Faithfulness = Gk. *pistis*, living by

_____ in _____

of God revealed in the _____.

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23 (HCSB)

Faithfulness...

1. Present in _____.
(Lamentations 3:22-23; 2 Timothy 2:13;
Hebrews 10:23; 13:8)

2. Produces trust in God's _____.
(Romans 4:16-25; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Philippians 3:9;
Hebrews 11:1,3,6)

3. Practiced by _____.
(Luke 16:10-12; Romans 14:23; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13;
1 Peter 4:19)

Answers: belief, reality, Bible 1. God 2. promises 3. believers

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starters

Faithfulness is _____.

(If you are using this guide with others, pause for a minute or two to give group members time to reflect before responding.)

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Psalm 89:1-2](#).

1. What do you think the psalmist was feeling as he wrote this?
2. What are some everyday reminders of God's faithfulness to you?
3. Can you think of a time you doubted God's faithfulness? What was happening? What was that like for you? How can times of doubt strengthen our relationship with God?
4. If one of your friends said, *God can't be faithful, just look at all the bad things that are happening*, how would you respond?
5. What do we learn about faithfulness from these Scriptures?
 - a. [Psalm 25:8-10](#)
 - b. [Psalm 36:5](#)
 - c. [Matthew 24:45-51](#); [Luke 16:10-12](#)
6. How will you apply at least one of these truths to your life?
See [John 8:31-32](#).

7. What are results of being faithful?
8. What are results of *not* being faithful?
9. Has someone ever broken a promise or commitment to you? What was that like? How did you respond? See [Proverbs 20:6](#).
10. What areas of life do you need God to help you become more faithful?

For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Soul Training

Using a note card, journal or piece of paper, write down examples of both faithfulness and unfaithfulness that you come across this week. Ask God to help you see more clearly what faithfulness looks like, and ask him to help you become more faithful.

Memory Verse

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[Hebrews 10:23 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Psalm 89:1-2](#) Day 4: [Matthew 24:45-51](#)
Day 2: [John 1:16-17](#) Day 5: [Psalm 146:1-10](#)
Day 3: [1 Timothy 3:1-13](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 27, we'll continue our series *Cultivating Character* with a closer look at GENTLENESS. To prepare for the message, prayerfully read: [Isaiah 40:9-11](#); [Matthew 12:18-21](#); [Galatians 6:1-2](#); [James 3:17-18](#).

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).



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