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Topic: Being Better in Your Faith by Remaining Faithful Scripture: Hebrews 10.22-25 The Big Idea: The believer's faith in God is so dynamic that no matter the experience, the outcome will always be for God's glory and the believer's good.

Being Better in your Faith by Remaining Faithful

What does it mean to remain faithful in your faith? Remaining faithful in your faith means unwavering <u>trust</u> and <u>commitment</u> to God, regardless of circumstances. It involves <u>consistently</u> engaging in spiritual practices, such as <u>prayer</u>, <u>worship</u>, and reading <u>scripture</u>, even when faced with trials and uncertainties. It is about <u>maintaining</u> a steadfast belief in God's <u>promises</u> and His <u>plan</u> for your life, trusting that He is always working for your good and His glory.

Why is faithfulness important in a Christian's walk with God?

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Our text encourages believers to "hold" unswervingly to the hope they profess. In Proverbs 3.5-6, we are instructed to "trust in the Lord." These verses remind us that faithfulness involves a <u>complete trust</u> in God's wisdom and guidance, regardless of our limited understanding or the challenges we face.

## The Importance of Faithfulness

Faithfulness in a Christian's Walk is important because:

It <u>strengthens</u> our Relationship with God – James 4.8

It <u>demonstrates</u> our love for God – John 14.15

It leads to <u>spiritual growth</u> – Gal. 5.22-23

It helps us overcome challenges - 1 Cor. 10.13

It reflects our <u>trust</u> in God – Prov. 3.5-6

DRAW NEAR TO GOD. (PROSERCHOMAI) HEB. 10.22

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Committed to Prayer (Luke 18.1 CEV; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18). Prayer is essential in the believer's life because it <u>connects us</u> with God, <u>strengthens</u> our faith, and <u>aligns us</u> with His will. Prayer is the practice of entering the presence of God. It is the place where <u>pride</u> is abandoned, <u>hope</u> is lifted, and <u>supplication</u> is made. Prayer is the place of <u>admitting our needs</u>, adopting <u>humility.</u> and claiming <u>dependence</u> upon God.

Hold on to the hope from God. (katecho) Heb. 10.23

Committed to studying the Word of God (2 Tim. 3.14-17). It's a journey of discovery, where the believer seeks to uncover the profound truths and wisdom embedded in the sacred texts (2 Tim. 3.16-17; Josh. 1.8; Ps. 119.105, Ps. 119.11; 2 Tim. 2.15). God is faithful (2 Tim. 2.13; 2 Thess. 3.3; 1 Cor. 10.13; 1 John 1.9).

Being better in your faith depends upon adequately grasping God's promises and holding on to them.

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER IN GOD. (KATANOEO) HEB. 10.24-25. Committed to Living Out Your Faith. (James 2.26). Being committed to living out your faith means integrating the teachings of Christianity into every aspect of your life. It is about being a light in the world and showing forgiveness, humility, and integrity in your dealings.

A. Promote love

Love is a <u>fundamental</u> tenet that transcends. It advocates for kindness, empathy, and compassion in your interactions with others. Promoting love is an <u>active</u> endeavor. (John 13.34-35; 1 Cor. 13.4-7; 1 John 4.7-8).

## B. Promote good work

The encouragement of actions and behaviors that align with God's Word. It is about fostering an environment where individuals are motivated to perform their duties with <u>excellence</u> and dedication, not just for personal gain but for the collective benefit of the community (Matt. 5.16; Col. 3.23-24; Gal. 6.9).

C. Promote corporate worship

Corporate worship refers to the <u>collective</u> practice of worshiping God as a community of believers. It involves <u>gathering together</u> for services that include prayer, singing, reading Scripture, and other forms of worship. Corporate worship is a time to encourage one another, grow in faith together, and experience God's presence collectively (Heb. 10.25; Col. 3.16; Eph. 5.19-20). It reminds us that we are part of a larger body of Christ and deepens our sense of belonging and support within the faith community.