

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

—PROVERBS 25:19 NKJV

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9And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people."

—ACTS 18:9-10

God's Faithfulness is Expressed in His Call

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God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

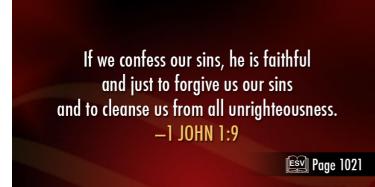
—1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

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No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

—1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

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## God's Call Includes an Expectation of Our Faithfulness to Him

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Page 953 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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<sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

-1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

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Faithfulness is an Essential Quality for Leadership and Service in God's Church

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We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road And those who've gone before us line the way Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

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Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, Let us run the race not only for the prize, But as those who've gone before us Let us leave to those behind us The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives. After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone
And our children sift though all we've left behind,
May the clues that they discover and the memories
they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we
each must find.

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Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way,
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

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Psalm 145:13b Psalm 119:160a Jeremiah 31:3 John 20:28 Psalm 33:4b

Deut. 7:9a

Father, I worship You—
You are faithful, and I rejoice in
You! Your promises are sure, Your
word is true, Your love is eternal.
You are my Lord and my God,
faithful in all that You do.

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## I confess—

Scripture tells us to be faithful with all You've given us to serve Your kingdom. We long to hear You say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Can You say that now of me?



## I surrender—

Help me to let go of whatever keeps me from fully committing to Your kingdom, and to be faithful to all that You want me to be and to do for You.

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For myself, my family, people in our church (names)—

May we lengthen our cords by being faithful and constant in prayer, and always faithful to follow through in what we do for one another.

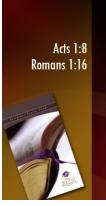


For our Pastor, ministers, and church staff—

Keep them faithful to the trust they've been given in their positions, that they may live before You with a clear conscience and receive Your praise.

May they remain faithful to You.

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For the lost (by name) plus others our church reaches—

Give them friends who are faithful to be Your witnesses, eager to share the Gospel. In Jesus' name, amen.