

“FAITHFULNESS”

Fixer Upper #7

“Many will say they are loyal friends, but **who can find one who is really faithful**”
Proverbs 20:6 (NLT)

1. FAITHFULNESS IS ROOTED IN THE **BELIEVABILITY OF GOD**

“I will sing of the tender mercies of the LORD forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens. O LORD God almighty! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, LORD? **Faithfulness is your very character.**”
Psalm 89:1-2, 8 (NLT)

“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**”
Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

II. FAITHFULNESS IS EXPRESSED BY:

1. **PERSISTING UNDER PRESSURE** EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT

“You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.”
James 1:3-4 (Msg)

(Paul) “I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.”
2 Timothy 4:7 (NLT)

2. **KEEPING MY PROMISE** EVEN WHEN I WANT TO BREAK IT

“The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.”
Psalm 145:13b (NIV)

“It is better to say nothing than to promise something that you don't follow through on.”
Ecclesiastes 5:5 (NLT)

3. **FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN** EVEN WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

“It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He **obeyed God** who warned him about something that had never happened before.”
Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

“It was faith that made Abraham **obey** when God called him to **go out** to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country with-out knowing where he was going.”
Hebrews 11:8 (GN)