# L-path Teaching March 03, 2024

Monthly Theme: LIFE AT ITS BEST

**Matthew 25:21**- "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Theme Big Idea: Every Christian aspires to have a life that is best. As we develop our Christian character, it will enable us to live life the best way we can. It will allow us to experience the greater things of God, as we live life according to the way God expects us to be.

### Title: A LIFE OF FAITHFULNESS

**Big Idea:** Faithfulness is one of the fruit of the Spirit that should mark our Christian life. As we desire to have a life that is best, we need to be determined to become more faithful disciples of Christ.

## Text: Hebrews 3:1-6

1Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4For 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," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

## Introduction:

#### What is Faithfulness?

- Faithfulness is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. **Galatians 5:22-23**
- We cannot be faithful by merely trying. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us and enable us to be faithful. We cannot do it alone.
- Faithfulness comes from the Gk word 'Pistos' which means, "faithful, reliable, trustworthy."

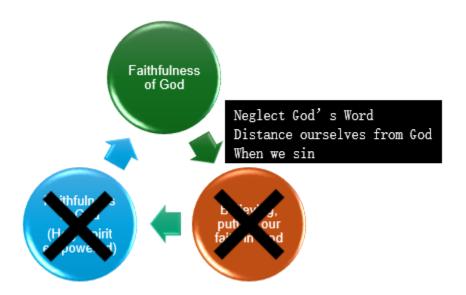
- And 'Pistos' comes from the root word 'Pisteuo' which means "to believe, to be confident in, to be convinced by."
- Faithfulness starts with something/someone that you believe, that you are confident in, that you are convinced. And it continues by persistently trusting on to it.

## **Cycle of Faithfulness**

Faithfulness starts and ends with God.



• Faithfulness stops when we lose faith in what we believe in.



- A life of faithfulness applies to all believers.
- Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. **Hebrews 3:1**
- The best model of being faithful is Jesus Christ.
- He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house...5"Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. **Hebrews 3:2,5-6**
- Jesus was faithful to the Father. (v2...the one who appointed him)
- Jesus was faithful to His calling. (v6...Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house)
- We have to be faithful to the one who called us (the Father), and to our calling.

#### How to live a life of Faithfulness

#### 1. Grow

- 5For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8
- We have to grow in our Christian character. This will enable us to have a productive life.

## 2. Obey

- 22Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
   23Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:22-25
- Do what the Word of God says. Obeying is a blessing.

## 3. Worship

- Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2
- True worship is living a holy life, away from the pattern of this world. Then, we will
  experience a life that is good, pleasing and perfect.

#### 4. Serve

- 58Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Give your best to God's work. It will be richly rewarded.

#### 5. Persevere

- 12Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12
- Do not give up, stand firm. You will receive the crown of life.

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A life of faithfulness is essential, it is a must!
- **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God...
- How do we show our faith to God? By being faithful.
- life at its Best starts with a Life of Faithfulness.

## **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Define what best life is?
- 2. What area/s in your life do you need to be more faithful to God?
- 3. What will you change moving forward?