

Bible Study- Wheat Street Baptist Church, Dr. Ralph Watkins, Interim Pastor

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Title-“Called To Faithfulness”

Introduction

A few months ago while attending a minister’s fellowship, meeting, the ministers of Zion Hill were asked to participate in a team building exercise. A blank piece of paper was placed on each of our backs and the assignment was to write something on at least 5 individuals piece of paper that we believed reflected that individual’s character; “character”, their nature, their temperament their disposition or their spirit. At the end of the exercise the ministers were able to take the paper that started out blank and assess the traits that their peers see in them.

As we delve into our lesson this evening I will not ask you to engage in the activity but I do invite you to take time to think about your friends, family members, coworkers, or just anyone in your circle that you interact with on a regular basis. Without considering their physical appearance, how would you describe them to someone else, what would you write on their paper? Are they funny, sincere, complainers, sneaky, stubborn or negative? Though these are just a few descriptive adjectives used to describe someone's personality, they often give us indicators of who people are and sometimes who we are depending on how closely we are affiliated. We’ve all heard the “idiom—“birds of a feather, flock together”.

Character traits can be good or bad, and though we are sometime guilty of saying that we don’t care what people think about us, the exercise that evening challenged me to move beyond that space and admit, that I do care what people think.

In Dr. Aaron Parker’s sermon at the 8:00 service on Sunday May 27th :“The Odd One”, he reminded us that as men and women of God and the household of faith, certain traits should be evident and active as we live out our Christian witness. We should all be concerned about our Godly reputations.

So this evening, I ask that you not just consider others, but to also consider yourselves. What do others see in you? And more importantly what does God see in you?

Tonight we will focus on the trait of “faithfulness”. We hear and use this language in the church all the time, but what does faithfulness look like in your life?

And so the question this evening is; Are you faithful?

- I. Define Faithfulness? (Generally)
- II. What does it mean to be Faithful to God?
- III. Faithful Biblical Witnesses (Review of Scriptures)
- IV. Benefits of Faithfulness(Review of Scriptures)
 - Psalm 37:28
 - Proverbs 3:12
 - Proverbs 16:6-7
 - Proverbs 28:20a
 - 1 Corinthian 4:1-2
 - Matthew 25:14-23
 - Revelation 2:10
- V. What hinders faithfulness?