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...to be Faithful – Matthew 25:14-30

Discussion Points

February 14, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30. How do your feelings or assessments change about the story's outcome if you concentrate not on the end result for the Master, but on the faithfulness of the servants?

Explore

2. What images enter your mind when you think of the virtue of faithfulness?
3. Compare the various virtues listed in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23). Where does the virtue of faithfulness rate, do you think, in our culture (top of the list, bottom of the list, somewhere in between)?
4. What does it mean to you that God is faithful? What does it mean to you to be faithful to God?
5. Where in your life do you find faithfulness to be rather easy or simple? Where do you find it more difficult to exercise faithfulness?
6. What does it look like in your own life to be faithful to God's mission?
7. How can faithfulness become stale or rote? What can renew your faithfulness to something or someone?
8. Can you relate to being faithful to others when it's the last thing you feel like being (like Moses being faithful to God's people even though they grumbled against him, like David being faithful to Saul's son Jonathan though Saul wanted David dead)?

Pray:

✝ *For the Holy Spirit to strengthen you for faithfulness in a particular area of your life, whether in faithfulness to God, to God's calling, or to God's people.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

