



God is FAITHFUL

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Matthew 25:14-30

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to **every man according to his several ability**; and straightway took his journey.
16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.
17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.
18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

NOTICE: Everyone has something!

QUESTION: What do you have?

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
21 His lord said unto him, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant:** thou hast been **faithful over a few things**, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
23 His lord said unto him, **Well done, good and faithful servant;** thou hast been **faithful over a few things**, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

NOTICE: God doesn't look for the most talented. He looks for the faithful!

1 Corinthians 4:2 – “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

What does He expect you to be faithful with? **ONLY that which you have!**

ILLUSTRATION: When God asked me what I was going to do with Robert's paycheck...I had no answer, because it wasn't mine...I wasn't responsible for Robert's paycheck! He was! I was responsible for mine!

- * I am NOT responsible for what God has blessed you with...you are!
- * You are not responsible for what God has blessed me with...I am!
- * I am NOT responsible for what God has told you to do...you are!
- * You are not responsible for what God has told me to do...I am!

God REQUIRES commitment and faithfulness from us!

“Faithfulness” – trust worthy (worthy of trust); reliable (you can rely on them); in the OT the definition means to be true, to be certain, to be firm, to be permanent.

ASK YOURSELF: If I am asked to do something (by God or man) am I trust worthy? Am I some one that others can rely on...to keep my word...to be faithful with what I have?

BELOVED: It is a requirement!

ILLUSTRATION: Brother Hagin had a work day for his church, years ago. And everyone in the church except for two people showed up to help. The next day in church he announced that everyone except for two punks showed up to help.

He was later confronted about using the word “punk”...it seemed harsh...but he told them that one of the definitions of the word is a wood that is so decayed as to be dry and crumbles...only good to be burned, not used to build.

You don't want to build anything with rotten lumber...you can't build anything with rotten lumber...especially a church!

BELOVED: You can't build a church without faithful people!

Proverbs 25:19 – “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.”

BROKEN TOOTH: Talk about my broken tooth...infection that affected my whole body...pain when I ate...chipped away until it was gone.

FOOT OUT OF JOINT: How about a rolled ankle. You take a step, expecting it to be there...and it isn't! You fall!

NOTE: A lot of ministries and even businesses are falling due to unfaithful people.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

UNDERSTAND: There was NO EFFORT of this man to be faithful. Just to sit around and do his own day to day activities. Focus on his own stuff...not that which was given to him by his Master.

How often do you just focus on your own life...and not the stuff that God has given to you.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

NOTE: It was NOT acceptable! At all! Not in any way, shape or form.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Knowing God

Let's go back and look at the servant with one talent...yes, the master knew he was untrustworthy...but notice WHY he responded like he responded.

Matthew 25:24 – “Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, ***I knew thee that thou art an hard man***, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed.”

Here is the point I wanted to bring out today...the third man had a WRONG view of the Master. He didn't know WHO the Master really was.

“He was a hard man”...wanting something out of me that He hasn't done Himself. He is unreasonable! Pushy! Unfair!

Asking me to keep up with everyone else that has more than I have.

The first servant has more talent than I do...has more ability...it's not fair.

BELOVED: I will tell you that the hardest time for you to be faithful...

- a.) when you think you are the only one doing it and everyone else is enjoying life without doing it;
- b.) when you think that the Master is forcing you to do something He hasn't done.

AGAIN: a.) God requires all of us to be faithful...to work in His kingdom.

MOST OF ALL: b.) God requires us to be faithful...because that is Who He is!

It is Who He has always been and it is Who He will always be!

We can trust Him...He is worthy of our trust. We can rely on Him!

IN SCRIPTURE He is identified as: Faithful Creator (1 Peter 4:19); Faithful High Priest (Hebrews 2:17); Faithful to forgive us (1 John 1:9); Faithful Witness (Revelation 1:5); Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11)...

It is Who He is!

UNDERSTAND: He is not after AN ACTION...He is after a RELATIONSHIP.

Everything that we do SHOULD be done out of relationship...not out of force. Relationship is about knowing the other person...knowing they are faithful too!

1.) God is always there!

You can't be faithful if you are not there! If you don't show up!
God shows up!

Matthew 28:20 – “Lo, I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth.”

POSSIBLY talk about if God would have shown up late to the Red Sea, to other battles.

Hebrews 13:5 – “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: ***for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***”

(AMP) – “Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]”

(WUEST) – “Let your manner of life be without love of money, being satisfied with your present circumstances. For He himself has said, and the statement is on record, I will not, I will not cease to sustain and uphold you. I will not, I will not, I will not let you down.”

Look at the OT definition:

2.) He is TRUE!

John 17:17 – “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”
If He spoke it...you can count on it.

Psalm 119:89 – “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

3.) He is CERTAIN!

Romans 4:19-22

- 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- 20 ***He staggered not at the promise of God*** through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- 21 ***And being fully persuaded that*** (or CERTAIN), what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

4.) He is FIRM.

Matthew 7:24-27

- 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, *I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*
- 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

5.) He is PERMANENT!

Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

Malachi 3:6 – “For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

Again, He will always be there! You can rely on Him!

Conclusion

The question becomes...can He rely on YOU?

Can those with whom He has connected you to rely on YOU?

God will NOT stop short...He will not fail...He will be the same.

***If He has done it for ONE, He will do it for YOU.
If He has done it ONCE, He will do it AGAIN!***

So, due to relationship...it is RIGHT for you to have the same said about you.

Can He count on you to do it once...twice...again?

To do it for HIM...for His people?

When I was making our ad for today's service...our 25th Anniversary service...the thing that rose up inside of me was,

25 Years of God's Faithfulness!

He has shown up time and time again...even when others have failed, He has never failed...

***He didn't bring us this far,
To just bring us this far!***

Let's move on with faithfulness, because God is faithful!