

# FAITHFULNESS IN FALLENNESS

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## INTRODUCTION:

A. ***"But when the Son of Man [Jesus] returns, how many will He find on the earth who [still] have faith?"*** — Luke 18:8

B. Why faith is important:

1. God is looking for faithful people.

***"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward Him, so the He can show His great power in helping them."*** — 2 Chronicles 16:9

2. Faithful people are hard to find.

***Everyone talks about how faithful people are, but it is difficult to find someone who really is!*** — Proverbs 20:6

3. Faithfulness is the key to blessing and victory.

***A faithful person will be richly blessed.*** — Proverbs 28:20

***Every child of God can defeat the world, and it is our faith that gives us this victory.***  
— I John 5:4 (Contemporary English Version)

## I. WHAT IT TAKES TO BE FAITHFUL IN FALLENNESS

A. Faithfulness is about leaning in with integrity, especially in the small matters in life.

***"Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones, and who is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones."*** — Luke 16:10

B. Faithful people lean into the unselfish use of our talents.

***Each one should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully...***  
— I Peter 4:10

C. The faith-filled lean into their generosity in times of shortage.

***"I, [Jesus] tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends for eternity. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven...But if you are unfaithful with your worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? You cannot serve both God and money."*** — Luke 16:9-14

- Five principles for giving in a shortage....

D. Faithful followers, in times of trouble, lean into building the faith of others.

***Some men brought to Jesus a paralytic friend, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralyzed man, "Take heart, son! Your sins are forgiven..."*** — Matthew 9:2

E. Faithfulness is about persisting in the face of resistance.

***This is why we never give up...our spirits are being renewed every day... (remember)...the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joy to come will last forever.*** — 2 Corinthians 4:16 & 18

## CONCLUSION: