

Family Studies on Faithfulness - In Which We Stand

- Recommended Hymn: Mansion, Robe and Crown
- **Proverbs 28:20 - “A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.”**
 - Why does the writer of Proverbs contrast faithfulness and the desire to be rich? How are the two pursuits similar and different? What are the end results of each according to the Bible?
 - Read the rest of this chapter together. How does this proverb fit into the overall message of its surrounding context?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the wisdom to seek the riches of faithfulness over the riches of this world.
- Recommended Hymn: The Steadfast Love of the Lord
- **Lamentations 3:22-24 - “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in Him.’”**
 - What is the Book of Lamentations about? How does this affect our understanding of this passage?
 - What does it mean for the Lord to be our “portion?”
 - What are some ways in which we can see God’s steadfast love being renewed every morning? What are some ways in which we have seen God’s steadfast love today? How can we help others to see His steadfast love being shown to them in their lives?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for God’s steadfast love, and awareness of His love that motivates us towards daily thankfulness.
- Recommended Hymn: Living by Faith
- **Matthew 25:21 - “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”**
 - Read this parable (Matthew 25:14-30) together. What is it that this servant has been faithful over? What does this represent to us?
 - What are the rewards of faithfulness in this life and in the next? How does this parable teach us that we can take hold of those rewards?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** mercy from our master as we seek to be faithful in the things He has given us.

- Recommended Hymn: A Charge to Keep I Have
- **Luke 16:10-11 - “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?”**
 - Read this parable (Luke 16:1-13) together. What is this parable trying to tell us? How does its message relate to faithfulness?
 - How does the manager display faithfulness to his master in this parable? How should we apply this message to our faithfulness to God?
 - What are the “true riches?” How do we know that God has entrusted these “true riches” to us?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** an understanding of the importance of faithfulness and of the ways in which we can show faithfulness in our lives.
- Recommended Hymn: O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink
- **1 Corinthians 10:13 - “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”**
 - What else does the Bible say about temptation? What is the difference between temptation and sin? Can we be faithful despite being tempted?
 - What is an example of a situation in which each of us have been tempted but have seen and used God’s way of escape?
 - How can we as a family help each other see and use God’s way of escape when we are tempted?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** a greater trust in God and His power to deliver us, and in each other and our ability to help each other.
- Recommended Hymn: Faithful Love
- **Revelation 2:10 - “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”**
 - To whom is this verse written? In what ways are our circumstances similar to the ones faced by these people? In what ways are our circumstances different? How do these factors affect the meaning of this verse to us?
 - Based on all we have learned, what does faithfulness to God look like in our lives? How is it related to the other fruits of the Spirit?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** strength from God to endure through trials and be faithful to His cause as a family.