

Faithful Living
Faith Heroes – Part 6
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Ezekiel 33:14-16 (ESV) Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked ... walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

Ezekiel 33:13 (ESV) Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die.

Psalms 31:23 (ESV) Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Matthew 24:45-46 (ESV) “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

1. God knew you before _____

1A. _____ must be faithful

Luke 1:6 (ESV) And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

Luke 1:15-16 (ESV) for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

1B. Listen to your _____ call

Luke 1:67, 76 (ESV) And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ... And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

2. _____ your prophetic call

2A. _____ proclaim God’s kingdom

Matthew 3:1-2 (ESV) In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

2B. _____ the unrepentant

Matthew 3:7-8 (ESV) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

2C. Point to _____

Matthew 3:11 (ESV) “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3. Be prepared for _____

Matthew 14:3-4 (ESV) For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”

3A. Your _____ is not your own

Matthew 14:10, 12 (ESV) He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, ... And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

3B. Leave an eternal _____

Luke 7:28 (ESV) I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Luke 1, Matthew 3, 14)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. How does Ezekiel 33:14-16 speak of God's grace?

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Intro. How does God bless those who are faithful to Him (Psalm 31:23)?

Intro. Explain how Matthew 24:45-51 relates to Ezekiel 33:13. Why is life-long faithfulness to God essential?

1A. How did John's parents prepare the way for his ministry (Luke 1:6)?

1B. What does it mean to consecrate ourselves to the Lord today (Luke 1:15-16)?

1C. How does God use godly parents to speak prophetically to their children (Luke 1:67, 76, Proverbs 1:8)?

1D. In what ways can the faithfulness of parents and grandparents be passed on to their children and grandchildren?

2A. What responsibility does a person have in living out their prophetic call (recall Ezekiel 33:13)?

2B. Why does the true Gospel message begin with repentance (Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17, Acts 2:38)?

2C. What does John's rebuke of the Jewish leaders tell you about his faithfulness (Matthew 3:7-8)?

2D. Why was it important for John to point people to Jesus (Matthew 3:11)?

2E. In what ways is a faithful life always full of spiritual warfare?

3A. Why did John rebuke King Herod (Matthew 14:3-4)?

3B. Why did God allow John to be martyred (Matthew 14:10, 12)?

3C. Explain what Jesus meant when He spoke of John in Luke 7:28.

3D. What can John's death teach us about our own stand for the Lord today?