



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

GOOD FRUIT: Week 5 - Faithfulness

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ~ Galatians 5:22-23

~ PISTIS - GREEK ~

belief or faith or trust or confidence

Faith is the confidence that God is who He says He is and that He will do everything He has promised to do.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' The boy answered, 'I will not.' But later he had a change of heart and went. The father went to the other son and said the same thing. This boy answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They said, "The first." ~ Matthew 21:28-31a

Be strong and courageous! Do not fear or tremble before them, for the Lord your God is the one who is going with you. He will not fail you or abandon you!"

~ Deuteronomy 31:6

"I will never leave you and I will never abandon you." ~ Hebrews 13:5a

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20

If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, since He cannot deny himself.
~2 Timothy 2:13

Deliver, Lord! For the godly have disappeared; people of integrity have vanished.
~ Psalm 12:1

Many people profess their loyalty, but a faithful person—who can find? ~ Proverbs 20:6

Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. ~ Philippians 2:3-4

When they had brought them, they stood them before the council, and the high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name. Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood on us!" But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than people." ~ Acts 5:27-29

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Am I now trying to gain the approval of people, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ!
~ Galatians 1:10

~ MOTHER TERESA ~

"We are called upon not to be successful but to be faithful."

Let your word be "Yes, yes" or "No, no." More than this is from the evil one.
~ Matthew 5:37

"And don't say anything you don't mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, 'I'll pray for you,' and never doing it, or saying, 'God be with you,' and not meaning it. You don't make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say 'yes' and 'no.' When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong. ~ Matthew 5:33-37 (The Message)

For the culmination of all things is near. So be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of prayer. Above all keep your love for one another fervent, because love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. ~ 1 Peter 4:7-11

❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

◆ **READ:** Deuteronomy 31:6, Hebrews 13:5a, Matthew 28:20, 2 Timothy 2:13, Hebrews 10:23 and Deuteronomy 7:9

1. What do these verses tell us about the character of God?
2. Do you see evidence in the life of Jesus as a model of this kind of faithfulness? In what ways?
3. How should these verses inform us regarding our own character and interactions with God and other people?
4. Do you believe you are a "faithful" person? Why or why not?

◆ **READ:** Matthew 5:33-37, Matthew 21:28-31a, Psalm 12:1, and Proverbs 20:6

1. Why do some people struggle with keeping their word? What excuses or justifications do they give?
2. How does it make you feel when someone breaks their word to you?
3. Are you a "My word is my bond" person the way Pastor G described that principle? Why or why not?

◆ **READ:** Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Peter 4:7-11

1. How do these verses inspire you to serve more within the local ministry of Waikoloa Community Church?
2. When it comes to serving are you wide open to serve wherever you are needed?