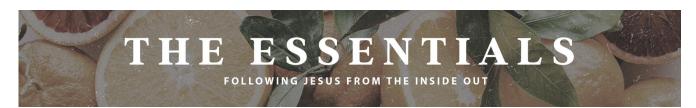
BEYOND SUNDAY: November 15, 2020



Series Page: <u>wearepcc.com/theessentials</u> Message: Faithfulness

The Essentials 9-week series will focus on what it means to reflect the character of Jesus. Each week we will wrestle with one of the essential characteristics of Jesus with the hope of it bearing fruit in our lives as we become more dependent on the Spirit to lead us. This week our focus is on the seventh fruit of the Spirit - faithfulness.

#1

Describe what a faithful person is like. Who comes to your mind when you think of a faithful person? Why? What is counterfeit faithfulness?

#2

This week's speaker and Lead Pastor, Gary Gaddini, used an illustration of the largest residential building in San Francisco called the <u>Millennium Tower</u>. While it has won many awards and has attracted famous residents, it has one major flaw—because of its poor foundation, it is sinking! What does Scripture say about the importance of our spiritual foundation? See <u>Matthew 7:24-27</u>.

#3

No one would be happier for our faithfulness to be compromised than the enemy! Our faithfulness is being attacked and is at war with compromise. What area of your life do you feel pressured to compromise? When at the crossroads of compromise and faithfulness, what does Scripture encourage us to do? See <u>Romans 12:2</u> and <u>Hebrews 10:23</u>.

#4

Faithfulness is about in whom and where we place our trust. No matter how hard you believe that a two-legged chair will hold you up, it won't! It will let you down every time. Where does <u>Proverbs 3:5,6</u> say that we should put our trust?

#5

We know God's character never changes, and that the Israelites spoke of His character repeatedly. What does <u>Psalms 33:4-5</u> and <u>Psalms 36:5</u> say about God's character? How do these verses make a difference to you in a world of brokenness and compromise? How did Jesus show faithfulness in spite of obstacles and temptations? What does that mean to you?

#6

In his book <u>Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit</u>, Christopher J. H. Wright states that we "should have an unwavering commitment and faithfulness to Christ, as Lord and Savior, the Bible, the gospel, faithfulness to the church, and to the work God has given you to do." He goes on to say, "Faithfulness means to know what you really believe, who you really love, and what you are ultimately committed to. Faithfulness means being sure of what you want to live for and what you're willing to die for." What area is God calling you to biblical faithfulness?

#7

The good news: we have a loving and merciful God. When the children of Israel repeatedly strayed from God, God's promises to them remained faithful. Not one of God's promises to them has ever failed. Although this is true for us as well, what is necessary on our part? See <u>1 John:1:9</u>, <u>Hebrews 12:1-2</u>, and <u>Hebrews 10:24-25</u>.

Actions or Resources:

- Bring to God (confess) areas of weakness in your life that are close to compromise.
- Read Chapter 8 (Gentleness): <u>Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit</u>, by Christopher J.H.Wright.
- Join a <u>House Church</u>.