

***Digging Deeper Questions***  
***Faithfully Fickle; Fatefully Flawed***  
**Life of Faithfulness – Kickoff**

1/7/12 -1/8/12

Deut. 7:1-10. Ps 101, Mt 25:14-30, Gal 5:19 -24

**2012 Kickoff Message**

Read Galatians 5:19-24

1. Carefully consider the commitments in *your* life, which require faithfulness: God, self health, marriage/spouse, children, work, etc. Which of these areas are marked by faithfulness and which areas need improvement?
2. Recall the blessings in your life that you have received through your faithfulness to a commitment. Remember faithfulness is a Gift of the Spirit, so take some time to thank God for His Faithfulness in your life.
3. Which of the following challenges are you guilty of in regards to faithfulness in this area?
  - a. Marriage/ family- is your parenting &/or relationship with your spouse ruled by self-absorption?
  - b. Too busy to live and grow- are you “too busy” to grow spiritually?
  - c. Commitment phobic to volunteer- how are you faithfully serving God?
  - d. Unfaithful giving- are you an erratic or non-existent giver? Can you pinpoint *why* you are unfaithful in this area? Do you forget? Is it a priority in your life? Are your personal finances in chaos?
4. Read Proverbs 3:3-4. The Bible assures us that unfaithfulness can only last a little while. Eventually all of our poor choices and compromise will catch up with us... an unfaithful life leads to ruin. Which areas of compromise are starting to, or already have caught up with you? Repent before the Lord and ask for the Gifts of His Spirit, which include faithfulness.
5. Read Deuteronomy 7:1-10. At the heart of all unfaithfulness to God is idolatry, the loving or devotion to something above Him. What idols are present in your life? What stands in the way of your faithfulness to God and Him alone?
6. Read Psalm 101:1-4- How is your commitment to internal faithfulness? The majority of the battle is to guard our hearts and minds to own faithfulness on the inside in the places where no one sees and no one will hold us accountable but God and us alone. Determine your identity.... What type of person will you be?
7. Read Psalm 101:5-8- Secondly, it's about watching your influences and what you allow in your life. If you are around faithful people you will pick it up, if you are around unfaithful people you will get slimed. It's pretty simple. Where are you spending your time and who are your influences? Likewise it's making choices in your life to make sure that despite how you feel you will stay the path and not cave to compromise.
8. *Closing Challenge* – It begins with a purposeful intention of your heart today to make some changes and to live differently. It follows with a commitment to listen this year and respond to what you hear God say. We cannot make healthy adjustments until we know what we are already committed to. Write down your current commitments in time, money, etc.