"The Generational Sin of *Unfaithfulness: The Need of Togetherness*" (Part 3) Philippians 1:21-30

**Faithfulness** means unfailingly remaining loyal to someone or something, and putting that loyalty into consistent practice **regardless of extenuating circumstances**, because of **my ever growing love** for someone or something.

"Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a **faithful man** who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6). "Let not steadfast love and **faithfulness** forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart" (Proverbs 3:3). "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found **faithful**" (1 Corinthians 4:2). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**...." (Galatians 5:22). "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." (Matthew 25:21)

- You are not your own: We represent Christ and His reputation.
  - "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20). "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)
- You are not a victim of your circumstances: Our weakness and difficulties are an opportunity to show the power of Christ.
  - "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
  - "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:14-15). "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- Our faithfulness flows from Christ's faithfulness: By the Holy Spirit we have the capacity to have a joyful faithfulness to God's purposes, not our own.
  - "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." (Lamentations 3:22-24)

Worship: I Stand Amazed — Norton Hall Band Be Thou My Vision — Various Artists In Tenderness — The Sing Team Closing Song: Amazing Grace — Various Artists

## **Announcements:**

- ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, June 2nd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★HEALTHTREE 5K/1 MILE WALK: If you would be interested in joining a team of people to run a 5K or walk 1 mile on Saturday, June 8th, at 9am (at Wolfe Park in Columbus), please register at <a href="https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040">https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040</a> under Team Legacy Plus. The cost is \$35 per person. HealthTree raises money to accelerate research and find cures for blood cancer. Please see Krystal if you have any questions or need more details!
- ★ <u>COMMUNION</u>: We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, June 2nd.
- ★GAME NIGHT: Our monthly Game Night is TONIGHT at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. EVERYONE is invited! Please bring your favorite game to play and a snack or finger food to share with everyone!