

Faithfulness

- To be steady and reliable
- To be true to your word

“For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” – King David

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” – King Solomon

“Faith is the virtue by which, clinging-to the faithfulness of God, we lean upon him, so that we may obtain what he gives to us.” – William Ames

“I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.” – Mother Teresa

- Great lives begin with being faithful in the small things
 - *Joseph* – was in prison
 - *Moses* – fled to Egypt
 - *David* – life began as a shepherd
 - *Ruth* – committed herself to serve Naomi
 - *Jesus* – first thirty years were hidden and unknown

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN TALLENTS – Matthew 25:14-30/ Luke 19:11-27

1. Each servant received a different amount

- Matthew 25:15
- Equal does not equal the same

2. The Master leaves – doesn't say what to do

- Matthew 25:16-18
- The servants went to work
- They took initiative
- We are responsible before God

3. The Evaluation

- Matthew 25:19-26
- In God's sight a life of waste is wickedness

4. We will be entrusted with more when we're faithful with what we have been given

- Matthew 25:28-29
- Luke 19:24-26

The small thing in your life that you easily overlook could very well be the entry point into the great things God wants to do through your life.