

Sermon Date: Sunday, 17 March 2019

Speaker: Pastor Walker Schurz

Sermon Title: Be Faithful, Cultivating Faithfulness

Key Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting, a place where you will find **grace** and **truth** to enable you **grow spiritually**. This is where you **connect authentically** with other Christian believers and build lasting relationships. You will learn to **look beyond yourself** and **serve others**. Here, you will develop a heart to reach out for the lost people and be transformed to reach your full potential in Christ. **(Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25)**.

We had part two of our series on God's Faithfulness and this week the sermon title was '**Cultivating Faithfulness**'. Pastor Walker pointed out how our standard of faithfulness is much lower than Gods and yet, God being our Father wants us to match up to His faithfulness. In the sermon we were given some Biblical principles to live by that can help us attain Gods standard of faithfulness. I hope the study will help us apply these principles to our lives.

At MLFC we believe every member is a minister and has a role to play in the body of Christ. School for life invites you to the **Ministry of Helps course** which will equip you with tools to serve in a local church. The next class takes place on Saturday, 6 April from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours in classroom 2. Sign up at the School for life table in the Foyer after the service or at the reception during the week. Deadline for sign up is Thursday, 4 April at 17:00 hours

Have you gone through membership class? Come to our **Annual General Meeting** on Saturday, 30 March at 09:00 hours in the Auditorium and you will have an opportunity to ask questions as well as receive feedback on activities in the Church. We encourage you to attend as this is an MLFC family meeting.

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email:

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God bless you!

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PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

Pray:

- That members attending the AGM shall come with an expectant heart to understand where the Church is headed.
Ephesians 1:18
- That during the AGM we will recognize Gods goodness over the past year and give thanks.
- That the Lord would give the Board strength and power to do the work that He has called them to do.
Psalms 29:11 and Isaiah 40:29-31

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: BE FAITHFUL; CULTIVATING FAITHFULNESS

A Getting to Know Each Other

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what would you chose?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Texts: Exodus 34:6, Numbers 23:19, 1Thessalonians 5:24 & Hebrews 10:23

1. From our key texts we read of Gods faithfulness and of how He expects you to be faithful. In your own words explain Gods standard of faithfulness.
2. On a scale of 1 – 10, 10 being Gods standard of faithfulness, what rating would you be given if the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, did a commentary on your life concerning your faithfulness?
3. Why does God want your standard of faithfulness to match His?
Read Matthew 5: 14-16 NKJV
4. **Read 2 Timothy 2:13 NKJV & Proverbs 22:13 ESV.** Faithfulness is a response to God's word in you, not a response to the faithfulness of others. How did Pastor Walker explain this principle and how will you apply it to your life?
5. Faithfulness is costly or painful. **Read Psalm 15:1-4 ESV.** Explain how painful and costly faithfulness can be. How can you avoid experiencing this pain or cost?
6. **James 5:12 ESV** gives us great advise on how to avoid trapping ourselves in our own words by always saying what we mean and mean what we say. In case you falter in your faithfulness to God and other people, what will your next course of action be?

C Take Home

Take the first step and let others taste the fruit of your change. If there is anyone whom you have been unfaithful to, go and make it right, no matter how painful it is. **Matthew 5:23-24 NKJV.** From there, ask the Holy Spirit to help you every day to be faithful just like God is faithful.