

## **Living a Faithful Life**

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“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev. 2:10)

In a vision, Jesus spoke the words of Revelation 2:10 to John. He instructed the believers to be faithful, even to the point of death. Here in the United States, we don't have to be concerned about dying because of our faith. However, at that time in history and in some countries in our world, living a faithful life could get a Christian killed.

Even though we may not have to be faithful, even to the point of death, we are still to be faithful until the end. So what does it mean to live a faithful life? As the Bible says, we are to be in this world, but not of this world. Although we live in this physical world, those of us who are born again are not citizens of this world; rather we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. As such, faith is our standard operating procedure.

Now, you might be like I was some years ago and don't really understand faith. Oh, the church talks about faith a lot, but often we don't do a very good job of explaining it. Let me make it simple for you, if you walked up to a chair and looked at the chair believing that it would hold your weight, that's not faith. However, if you walk up and sit on the chair, that's faith. You first have to believe, but then move that belief into action, which is faith.

So, how do we live a faithful life? We trust God for everything – our health, relationships, finances, and so on. Everything we need has already been given to us and it's sitting there in the Kingdom of God, just waiting for us to access it by faith. Your healing is there (or the healing for someone else), the finances necessary to pay the bills or go on vacation is there. The answers to your relationship struggles are there. However, you have to first believe they are there and then step out in faith. If you need a miracle in your health, then you need to find God's promises about health and begin speaking those to your illness. If you need a financial blessing, you need to plant some seed by giving. If you need a miracle in a relationship, sow some time and effort into that relationship and watch God work.

Living a faithful life is giving every moment of every day to God. Jesus said that he didn't do anything except what he first saw the Father do and he didn't say anything except what he first heard the Father say. I figure if it's good enough for the Son of God, it certainly ought to be good enough for us. Before you do or say anything, seek God. Matthew 6:33 says to seek God's Kingdom and His Righteousness first and all your other needs will be handled. If you trust in yourself and your abilities more than God then you aren't living a faithful life. However, if God is involved in every aspect of your life and you are stepping out in faith, then you will one day hear, “well done, good and faithful servant.”