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BE FAITHFUL WITH THE DAYS GOD GAVE

“Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.”
– Proverbs 3:3-4 (ESV)

Some words carry a special kind of weight.
A weight you can feel when they’re spoken over someone.

These words are given as gifts, meant to honor, meant to describe a story far bigger than the word itself. To be ascribed a word like that, you have to earn it. And behind a word like *faithful* is a life full of tests and trials that proved you worthy of it in the end.

Faithful is an attractive, inspiring word. The kind you hear at a 50th wedding anniversary, a retirement party, in a speech about a parent, or at a funeral honoring a life well lived. But it’s not the word itself that inspires us, it’s the actions behind it.

Faithfulness is beautiful at face value, but it comes with scars from the battles we all face. And those wounds aren’t beautiful while we’re walking through them.

Yes, there are joys and victories worth celebrating. Memories that make it all worth it. But it’s also the long road of commitment, honor, love, duty; vows carried through the hardest seasons, that allows someone to be described with a word like *faithful* in the end.

As you graduate into a new season of life, let faithfulness be your aim.

We all hope to be faithful in what matters most. But reality is, sometimes we’re not.
Sometimes we fail each other.
Sometimes we fail ourselves.
And every one of us has failed God.

But even when we fail, there is One who never does.
God is faithful, even when we are not.

So the most important thing we can be faithful to do...
is follow the One who always is.

*“Take your faith so serious,
yourself not so much.
And remember you’re still loved,
even when you mess it up.”*
- *Days God Gave*, Matt Hammitt

