

## Faithfulness

### Hebrews 3

10-5-14

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that the words “faith” and “faithfulness” are the same in the Greek language meaning that they are strongly connected. Faithfulness is the decision to keep going down the road God has called you down in faith. Think about this in regards to marriage. Why is it so much more powerful to say that a spouse is faithful rather than loyal?
2. How does Paul describe “faithfulness” or continuing in faith in Colossians 1:22-23? What specific adjectives does he use and what imagery comes to mind as you read these verses?
3. Read Hebrews 3:7-19; Numbers 13:26-33, and 14:1-9. What are major differences between Joshua and Caleb and the rest of the Israelites? How do each of them respond to the crisis of the giants in the land? Pastor Jim said that we will all experience crisis moments, where we want to turn and go back, because the giants in the land are too overwhelming. Have you experienced this in your own journey of faith? How so?
4. Hebrews 3:13 reads, “but encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” Pastor Jim mentioned that Caleb and Joshua show up to remind us that with the Lord we will be victorious. What does Jesus say about troubles in this life and what does He promise? See John 14:27, 16:23.
5. It is often difficult to break negative mindsets that leave us paralyzed on our journeys of faith. How does God’s Word address negative thinking and what solutions does it mention? Read Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Philippians 4:8; and Colossians 3:2
6. Before you pray together, read Psalm 145:18-19. Take heart in God’s promise to be near to all who call on Him. Ask God to strengthen your faith that you may be faithful to complete the journey He has called you to.