Faithfulness

Faithfulness is a constant state of having full trust in God. We have 4 great examples of faithfulness in the bible:

1. Noah

Genesis 7:1-5

Noah went against the grain and would have looked irrational to everybody around him. Put yourself in his shoes!

Noah was faithful, regardless of how society looked at him and regardless of what was happening around him... he followed the call of God.

2. Abraham

Genesis 12:1 - The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

God called Abraham to the unknown and the uncomfortable. Abraham followed God's call with no questions asked, regardless of how unfamiliar it was to him.

Abraham was the essence of faithfulness. Every task he received from God, he did because he trusted God wholeheartedly.

3. <u>Job</u>

Job was faithful through extreme suffering.

Satan had two key attacks on Job in Job 1 & 2:

- All his livestock, servants, sons and daughters were killed.
- His body was filled with boils from head to toe and his wife told him to turn away from God.

Yet, this was Job's response:

Job 1:21-23 - "I left my mother's womb naked, and I will return to God naked. The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken. May the name of the Lord be blessed. Job neither sinned nor charged God with wrongdoing in all of this."

4. Moses'

Moses was faithful regardless of his own insecurities and shortcomings.

God told Moses to go to Egypt and rescue the Israelites from Pharoah. Moses response was:

Exodus 3:11 - But Moses told God, "Who am I? How can I go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelis out of Egypt?"

God performed miracles and reassured Moses. But again, Moses denied and stated he could not do the job because he is slow of speech.

Exodus 4:10-13

Regardless of how uncapable Moses felt, he was still faithful and led the Israelites out of Egypt and became one of the most prominent figures in the bible.

Hebrews 10:22-23 - Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith

brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Without faithfulness in our lives, we are tossed and turned by every circumstance.

When we sacrifice and live in obedience to the Holy Spirit, we exhibit and display faithfulness in our lives.

Faithfulness allows us to stand strong regardless of what is happening around us because we know we have a Good God, who will never leave or forsake us.

While the circumstances change around us, God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is eternal... far beyond our own temporary existence on this earth.

Psalm 56

God is with us through all challenges. We have perfect examples of faithfulness in God's word.

Don't limit yourself but lift yourself up through God's strength and be faithful to him always.

Live in a constant state of full trust and obedience to him. That is what we are called to do as Christ followers.