

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: One of the most difficult things we face in our Christian walk is how to stay faithful. We know what is right. We can read God's Word. However, the trials of the world, and personal struggles we face, tend to challenge us. We need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus (**Hebrews 12:1-2**). How can we do that? What do we need to do? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Servants

I Corinthians 4:14-17 says, *"I am not trying to make you feel ashamed. I am writing this to give you a warning as my own dear children. For though you may have ten thousand teachers in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Through the Good News I became your father in Christ Jesus, so I beg you, please follow my example. That is why I am sending to you Timothy, my son in the Lord. I love Timothy, and he is faithful. He will help you remember my way of life in Christ Jesus, just as I teach it in all the churches everywhere."*

- We need to focus on serving God
- We need to focus on serving God's church
- We need to focus on serving God's people
- We need to focus on serving God's way

II. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Students

II Thessalonians 3:1-5 says, *"And now, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Lord's teaching will continue to spread quickly and that people will give honor to that teaching, just as happened with you. And pray that we will be protected from stubborn and evil people, because not all people believe. But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One. The Lord makes us feel sure that you are doing and will continue to do the things we told you. May the Lord lead your hearts into God's love and Christ's patience."*

- We need to focus on studying the Word of God
- We need to focus on searching the Word of God
- We need to focus on surrendering to the Word of God
- We need to focus on strengthening ourselves in the Word of God

III. Fearless & Faithful Christians Are Not Spectators

II Timothy 2:2 says, *"You should teach people whom you can trust the things you and many others have heard me say. Then they will be able to teach others."*

- We need to focus on separating ourselves from enemies of the truth
- We need to focus on sharing the truth
- We need to focus on supporting those who share the truth
- We need to focus on speaking the truth in love

Conclusion: Jesus tried to help His disciples prepare for ministry. God has given us His Holy Word to prepare us for ministry. Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to be faithful? Are you ready to be fearless? Don't become discouraged (**Galatians 6:6-10**)! We need to resist the devil. Let's focus of a fearless faith.