

# ATIME FOR...

"Faithfulness & Obedience"



## Potential Released Through Faithfulness

**John 6:38** NIT

<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.

Phil 2:7-8 NLT

<sup>7</sup>... he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.



# **How Did Palm Sunday Begin?**

Matthew 21:1-2, 4-5 NLT

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup> "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me.

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil the prophecy that said, <sup>5</sup> "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.'"



Profound Impact!



#### Matthew 21:8-9 NIV

<sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

- 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'
- 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'
- 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'



"Faithfulness is not doing something right once, but doing something right over, and over, and over, and over." Joyce Meyer



## Why Faithfulness Matters to God

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Luke 16:10 NLT
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<sup>10</sup> "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities…"

**Matt 5:37** NKJV

...let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'



Are We Willing...?



"Obedience to God's will is the secret of spiritual knowledge and insight. It is <u>not willingness to know</u>, but <u>willingness to DO</u> God's will that brings certainty." *Eric Liddell* 



## How God's Faithfulness Guards Me...

## 1. Forgives and Cleanses me - removes my guilt

(1John 1:9) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

### 2. Navigates me through Temptation - avoid traps

(1Cor. 10:13) The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

### 3. Protects me from the Enemy - my defence

(2Thes. 3:3) The But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.



## How God's Faithfulness Leads Me...

#### 4. Keeps His Promises - renews my hope

(Psalm 71:22) I will praise you...because you are faithful to your promises...

5. Fills me with His Spirit - produces new fruit

(Gal. 5:22) ...the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...

6. Is Faithful when I am Not - never gives up

(2 Tim. 2:13) If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

7. Answers my Prayers - works with me personally

(Psalm 65:5) You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds...



## One Week That Changed The World

Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV (Champions of faith before Christ)

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

<sup>2</sup>...For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame...



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