

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

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The year 2023 in review...

- The AI revolution
- War in Ukraine and Palestine
- Inflation

What were the major events in your life in 2023?

What is Faithfulness?

- It is "that which evokes trust and faith, the state of being someone in whom confidence can be placed, *faithfulness, fidelity, commitment*". That is, a person of *who* is faithful and committed. He will follow through. You can depend on him.
- "the state of believing on the basis of the reliability of the one trusted, *trust, confidence, faith*." The application here is that you can put your trust, confidence and faith in someone who is reliable.

How has the Lord been faithful to you this past year?

- a. Key biblical principle is REMEMBER
 - i. Not merely the opposite of "forget"
 - ii. To remember is to actively call to mind with purpose

- b. Genesis 9:16 – Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."
- c. Genesis 30:22 – Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive.
- d. Remembering is a key part of faith...
- e. Remember what He has done
- f. Remember what He has spoken
- g. Remember what He has promised
- h. Take a moment to pray and thank the Lord for His faithfulness this past year

2) What promises of God are you holding onto for the coming year?

- a. As you pray this year, intentionally call to mind the things the Lord has said to you and done for you
- b. Then trust in His faithfulness... the strong reliability of His nature and character
- c. Take a moment to commit this year to the Lord and tell Him you trust Him for everything that lies ahead

3) What part of your life, your heart, or your world, are you asking the Lord to transform this year?

- a. Remember that the Lord desires to help you grow and make you more like Jesus
- b. Remember that His Spirit is in you to guide you, teach you, and transform your mind, heart, and soul
- c. Take a moment to invite the Lord to help you in the area you most need Him