**Sermon Series: Believe**

**Title: Faithfulness**

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**Key Idea:** I have established a good name with God and others based on my loyalty to those relationships.

**Key Verse:**

Proverbs 3:3-4: “3Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.” (NRSV)

***Proverbs 3:3a***

3 Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you…

***Ruth 1:16***

But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

1. Faithfulness is trustworthiness; it is the relational concept of remaining consistently loyal to another.

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***Deut. 6:8-9***

8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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***Ezekiel 36:26***

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

1. Faithfulness is cultivated inwardly and is expressed outwardly.

***Proverbs 3:4***

4 So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

***Matthew 25:21,23***

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

***Genesis 6:8***

But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

***Luke 1:30-31***

30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

1. Faithfulness results in favor and a good reputation with God and others. When we are faithful, others are blessed.