

One Word that Will Change Your Life

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

"Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God." Habakkuk 2:4 NLT

1. God is <u>calling</u> us to be <u>faithful</u>

2. Jesus' ministry focuses on three ways

to be <u>faithful</u>

- Obeying God
- Loving others
- <u>Stewarding our resources</u>

"And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, Acts 20:22 NLT

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

²¹ "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'...²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'²⁶ "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant!" Matthew 25:21, 25-26 NLT

3. Obedience is <u>our responsibility</u>, the <u>outcome</u> is <u>God's</u>

Next Steps: I know that God wants me to be a faithful follower of Jesus. I accept his call on my life to live faithfully I am pre-deciding to make a change so that I can live more faithfully: I confess that I sometimes bury my talents out of fear. I will step out in faith and trust God: