



# Journal

## Chapter 28: FAITHFULNESS

### Personal Study

Last week you examined the virtues of kindness and goodness. Perhaps you were challenged to do something good for someone — with no strings attached. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 28: Faithfulness*. Then take some time to allow the Scripture to enter your mind and prepare your heart to receive anything God wants to teach you through this study.

### Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 28: Faithfulness* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

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2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to mind?

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3. What did you read that stunned you?

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Motivated you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Confronted you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How has God proven his faithfulness to you?

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5. Joseph, Ruth, and Mary all exhibited great faithfulness. Which story inspired you most? Why did that story move you more than the others?

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6. When in your life have you exhibited great faithfulness, and what motivated you to respond in this way?

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### **Evaluate**

*Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 28: Faithfulness, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1 – 6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I take unpopular stands when my faith dictates.

\_\_\_\_\_ I discipline my thoughts based on my faith in Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ I follow God even when it involves suffering.

\_\_\_\_\_ I follow through on commitments I have made to God.

### **Take Action**

*Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.*

**Key Verses:** “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.” (Proverbs 3:3 – 4)

*Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”*

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

*Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.*

1. How could this virtue express itself in your life?

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2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who exhibits faithfulness?

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3. What is impeding your ability to be faithful to God and others?

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How can you overcome this obstacle?

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4. What action step can you take this week to increase your faithfulness?

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