

THE BATTLE FOR FAITHFULNESS slides

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11-13 “Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did... Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

1 Samuel 14:48 “And he did valiantly and struck the Amalekites and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.”

The Test for faithfulness.

Exodus 17:14 “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”

Deuteronomy 25:17-19 “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, *how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God.* Therefore, when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; *you shall not forget.*”

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Failing the test, lack of faithfulness.

The heart of faithfulness.

Ephesians 5:8-10 “...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”

John 14:21 “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

The practice of faithfulness fueled by the fear of God.

Exodus 20:1-2 “And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Exodus 20:18-21 “Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” **Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”** The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.” Do not fear God but fear Him?

1 Samuel 16:2 “And Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.’

Faithfulness seeks to do all of God’s will.