

A person is standing on a mountain peak at night, looking out at a vast, starry sky. The person is wearing a blue shirt and dark shorts. The background shows a dark, silhouetted mountain range under a night sky filled with numerous bright stars. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

“O Come All Ye Faithful...”

Living As Faithful People

O Come, all ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King
of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the
Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created;

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in
exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this
happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing!

Acts 1:9-11 NKJV

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Hebrews 10:23 ESV

‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.’

Psalm 89:1-8 JPS

1 Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.
2 I will sing of the Lord's steadfast love for ever;
To all generations will I proclaim your **faithfulness** with my mouth.
3 I declare: 'Your steadfast love is confirmed forever;
There in the heavens You establish Your **faithfulness**.
4 I have made a covenant with My chosen one,
I have sworn to My servant David:
5 I will establish your offspring forever,
I will confirm your throne for all generations.' Selah

6 Your wonders, O LORD,
Are praised by the heavens
Your **faithfulness**, too, in the assembly of holy beings.
7 For who in the skies can equal the LORD,
Can compare with the Lord among divine beings,
8 A God greatly dreaded in the council of holy beings,
Held in awe by all around Him?
9 O LORD, God of hosts,
Who is mighty like You, O LORD?
Your **faithfulness** surrounds You.

Proverbs 28:20 NKJV

“A **faithful** man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go
unpunished.”

Matthew 25:21&23 ESV

‘His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

**‘It is better to be
faithful than famous’**

- 1) The Imperishable Crown – (1 Corinthians 9:24-25) Self-Control**
- 2) The Crown of Rejoicing – (1 Thessalonians 2:19) Salvation**
- 3) The Crown of Righteousness – (2 Timothy 4:8) Expectation of His return**
- 4) The Crown of Glory – (1 Peter 5:4) Servanthood**
- 5) The Crown of Life – (Revelation 2:10) Faithfulness**

Revelation 2:10 NKJV

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the Crown of Life”.

“If we are faithful to God in little things, we shall gain experience and strength that will be helpful to us in the more serious trials of life.”

Hudson Taylor

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ 'And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching'.

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak at night, looking out at a vast, starry sky. The scene is illuminated by the soft glow of the stars, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere. The person is positioned in the lower center of the frame, providing a sense of scale to the vast landscape.

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