

Sunday Morning
High School Interactive
5/3/20

-Scripture passages used are taken from the NIV

-Pastor Austin talks about good examples of faithfulness that he's had in his life, like his parents and his wife

-Where have you seen examples of faithfulness in your life? _____

-He also shares that not everyone has had the same good experiences with faithfulness that he has had

-In this world, people may make promises that they do not keep, whether they are well-intentioned or not, which lets us down. Putting our trust in things will also let us down. But putting our trust in God will never fail us.

-In the song "Promises," we see the artist expressing his experience with God's steadfast faithfulness compared to the faltering promises of the world

-Listen to the song and write your thoughts about it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cELypq5XO5k>

-Pastor Austin points us to Deuteronomy 7:9. Look up the verse and fill in the blanks...

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the _____ God,
keeping his _____ of _____ to a thousand
generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

-Pastor Austin reads a passage from the book of 2 Timothy and tells us about Paul and Timothy's relationship

-Paul was Timothy's mentor

-Have you ever experienced a mentoring relationship before? What was/is that like for you?

-Paul is in jail because of his faith; he is writing to Timothy, and he is going to die soon

-How do you think you would feel if you were in Timothy's position?

-Paul reminds Timothy of what he has access to and gives him some bold instructions, which Pastor Austin alludes to

-Look up 2 Timothy 1:7-8 and fill in the blanks...

⁷ For the _____ God gave us does _____ make us _____,
but _____ us _____, _____ and
_____. ⁸ So do _____ be
_____ of the testimony about our _____ or of me his
prisoner. Rather, _____ with me in _____ for the
_____, by the _____ of _____.

-Paul doesn't want Timothy to be worried, and he himself isn't worried either

-Paul knows that God is faithful and that his salvation is secured

-Pastor Austin explains the difference between disowning and faithless

-Someone disowns God by refusing to accept Christ as their Savior

-Someone is faithless when they falter in their faith, which happens because we are not perfect

-Even though we sometimes falter and make poor decisions, God is still here with us. As Christians, we have the indwelling Holy Spirit who will not abandon us

-Reflect on the relief that this provides _____

-Pastor Austin highlights the importance of knowing what God's promises really are so that we are not holding Him to something He doesn't say

-Do you think you have ever had inaccurate expectations of God? _____

-Pastor Austin recommends journaling to show you God's faithfulness in your life

-Take some time to reflect on God's faithfulness throughout your life and specifically through this pandemic

-Pastor Austin also mentions that in Leviticus, we see that God wanted His people to observe certain festivals at particular times in order to remind themselves of His faithfulness

-Baptism was not around yet at this time, but I think it is also something that we can recall as a marker of God's faithfulness to us. Baptism can represent a parent's commitment to raise the child to know God or it can also be a response to an individual's faith commitment. Baptism is not what saves a person, and it is not a requirement to receive God's faithfulness. But God's Spirit is present during baptism, and He will be faithful in that person's life.

-If you have been baptized, you may or may not be able to remember it, depending on how old you were, but I think it is something worth celebrating

-Find out the date of your baptism: _____

-If you were old enough to remember it, recall what the experience was like for you. If you were not old enough to remember it, ask your parents what it was like

-At the conclusion of his message, Pastor Austin asks if we are willing to take a step of faith this week to see God's faithfulness

-Is there anything specific in your life that you think God might be calling you to trust Him with?
