

## External Faithfulness

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Summer of Faith / Psalm 86:11–12; Matthew 6:24; Matthew 10:8; Mark 16:17–18; Luke 18:1–8; John 20:21–23; Revelation 6

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- **The power to live counter to this culture and have your hearts desire fulfilled.**

Trusting Faith is expressed by being faithful to God and His ways.

Faithfulness is a heart condition where a person decides that following Jesus is the beginning of their ethics.

[Matthew 6:24](#) (NASB95)

**24**“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

- Internal faithfulness is where I can trust God to move in my life
- External faithfulness is where I trust God to move through my life.

[Luke 18:1–8](#)

**1**Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

**2**saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.

**3**“There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’

**4**“For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,

5yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’ ”

6And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge \*said;

7now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

8“I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

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[Psalm 86:11-12](#) (NASB95)

**11** Teach me Your way, O Lord;

I will walk in Your truth;

Unite my heart to fear Your name.

**12** I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,

And will glorify Your name forever.

Learn God's ways  
→ Seek God's ways  
→ Profit

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When we live the life of faith we live a life that fulfills our purpose.

Anything opposite the will of God is injustice.

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- Sometimes you just got to wear down that devil holding back your blessing

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[Mark 16:17-18](#) (NASB95)

17“These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

18they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

[John 20:21-23](#) (NASB95)

21So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

22And when He had said this, He breathed on them and \*said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23“If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.”

[Matthew 10:8](#) (NASB95)

8“*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.*

- Oppression is of the devil. We are supposed to do something about it.
- If God’s got you, God’s got this.

Spend time with God this week and ask these questions:

Where do you want me to trust you?

How do you want me to display external faithfulness?