

FANNING THE FLAMES



Fruit or Faithfulness? by Sarah Leonard Rackley

Recently in prayer I was asking the Lord why our ministry wasn't seeing the fruit that I had been expecting. I had been feeling dissatisfied, and wondering if we were doing the right things as a ministry. The Lord spoke to me and said **"I prefer faithfulness over fruit."**

I wanted to encourage you with this word as it encouraged me.

Of course, it makes sense that the Lord would value character traits that represent Him. He is "The faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations." (Deut

7:9 nlt) The Bible also tells us that "Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful." (1 Cor 4:2 nlt) **God is looking for those people who will be as faithful to follow His word as He is to keep His word.**

There are many things the Lord has directed me to do with the ministry, most of which are mundane, repetitive tasks. But in order to do these things with faithfulness, I need to have the right attitude about EVERYTHING that He gives me to do. You see, we must do everything "as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the

ANXIOUS? GET PEACE WITH GOD.

The Bible says that you can have real peace in your heart—the kind that is lasting! It's only through Jesus. Our own sin is what separates us from God. But God, who is full of mercy, sent His son Jesus to earth to die to take the penalty for our sins. We can be forgiven & cleansed, just do what the bible says in Romans 10:9 "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Don't wait, do it today! Then let us know so we can celebrate with you!

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Father.” (Col 3:17 nlt) The first step in being faithful, is to be thankful. Thank God, He has given me this ministry. I love doing what He says to do! **Thank God for ALL of things He has given you to do.**

Next, God is always trying to teach us, but to receive His lessons and grow, we must be willing to learn them. “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;” (Isa 1:19 esv) So as we continue in His word (Jn 8:31), and continue doing what He has given us to do with a willing attitude, **we will mature spiritually.**

Finally, in due time, God will bring the fruit. Don't compare yourself or what God has given you to do, to anyone else. Your faithfulness is entirely between you and God. Jesus said “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” (Jn 15:5 nlt) **Trust and have faith that He will cause the fruit to come!**

Outreach Update BY Mary Leonard

RLM (Sarah and I) joined in partnership with Faith Life Fellowship this past Saturday to reach our neighborhood. We gave away 68 backpacks with school supplies to the children. Sarah and I led the kids in a fun activity of making beaded bracelets to take home. Each bead on the bracelet is a different color that relates to a bible verse about what Jesus did for us. After making the “Salvation Bracelets” we asked children and their parents if they wanted to pray and ask Jesus in their hearts. More than 10 did just that! Then we celebrated them going to heaven with blowing bubbles! (Right: Mary with a Father and son who prayed together to receive Christ!



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