

# The Impossibility Triangle Pt. 6: The Grace of Faithfulness

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God's way of promotion is contrary to the world's way.

**Philippians 2:5-11** - Permit this mind and attitude to be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation and gave up his divine privileges, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Test of Faithfulness must be passed.

**I Corinthians 4:2** - The one thing required of servants is that they be found faithful.

The danger is wanting to bear fruit before you have deep enough roots to sustain it. Development is never wasted time.

We must learn to live according to God's clock. There is fast-pass in the faithfulness lane.

- DAVID (A Shepherd turned King) – 13 years to becoming King
- ELISHA (A Valet turned Prophet) – 10 years Elijah's mantle
- JOSEPH (A Slave turned Prime Minister) – 13 years from dream
- PAUL (A Persecutor turned Apostle) – 17 years from his calling
- MOSES (Prince to Shepherd to Redeemer) – 40 years
- JESUS (God in the flesh submits) – 18 years

I get to choose my response to God, but God controls the clock. All of us are called to be kingdom builders, so we get to decide our faithfulness.

Faith is when we can trust God, but faithfulness is when God can trust us.

**Matthew 9:35-38** - Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Can God trust you to be a faithful kingdom builder?