

## Questions for Self-Reflection:

### Toward God:

- Are there areas of my life where I have been unfaithful to God?
- Am I more concerned about my happiness than my character?
- Am I more concerned about my reputation than my character?

### Toward Family:

- Am I always completely honest with my spouse? Is there anything I'm hiding?
- Have I been sexually faithful to my spouse? Financially?
- Do I make promises to my children, I don't intend to keep? Do I make promises I intend to keep, but regularly break?
- Do I often fail to give an answer because I don't want to say "yes" or "no?"

### Toward Friends:

- Do I often make plans and then cancel them or show up late? Could my friends reasonably consider me "flaky?"
- When making plans am I often non-committal in case I find a better offer?
- Do I often tell people what they want to hear rather than the truth?

### Toward Church:

- Am I diligent about keeping my membership commitments to attend, serve and give financially?
- Do I avoid serving or helping a brother or sister in need because I don't want to tie myself down?

### Toward Work:

- Do I work the hours I say I'm working?
- Do I do my best when I'm working or am I just there to collect a paycheck?
- Am I intentional about following through on the assignments I'm given?



# THE UNSHAKABLE LIFE

## Fighting for Faithfulness

### Faithfulness

### Faithfulness:

Firm in adherence to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ or;
2. In observation of \_\_\_\_\_.

We tend to value *freedom* more than *faithfulness*;  
\_\_\_\_\_ over obligations and *rights* over *responsibilities*.

...but it's not making us \_\_\_\_\_.

### Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Context:

- Saul was the first King of Israel.
- Jonathan was his son and should have been considered the rightful heir.
- David became a national hero. (1 Samuel 17)
- Jonathan became "one in spirit with David" and formed a covenant with him. (1 Samuel 18:1)

David's \_\_\_\_\_ to Jonathan:

"...do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth." (1 Samuel 20:14)

David had a number of excuses *not* to follow through:

1. Jonathan was \_\_\_\_\_.

- Personal \_\_\_\_\_ is critical to faithfulness.

- We must believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

2. David's situation had \_\_\_\_\_.

- Change is the only \_\_\_\_\_ in life.
- Character that changes based on \_\_\_\_\_ isn't godly character.

3. There was no immediate \_\_\_\_\_ for David to keep his promise.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is its own reward.

4. It would have been politically \_\_\_\_\_ to kill Mephibosheth.

- Sometimes fulfilling our duty or promise \_\_\_\_\_ us something.

5. He could have simply \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.

- Refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ is perceived as untrustworthy as much as breaking a promise.

When someone asks why we kept our promise, can we say,  
“Because I \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?” (Mt 5:33-37)

When we keep our promises, we honor our  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_!