



## Sonrise Church—Upcoming Events

### Wednesday Bible study series

Wednesday 6-7 p.m. using Digging Deeper questions from the church Bulletin

**Leadership TEAM Mtg May 7th 5:30 p.m.**

**May 12th Mother's Day**

**Women in the Word**

**Bible Study Saturday May 18, at 10 a.m.**

**Men's Bible Study Saturday May 25, 9. a.m.**

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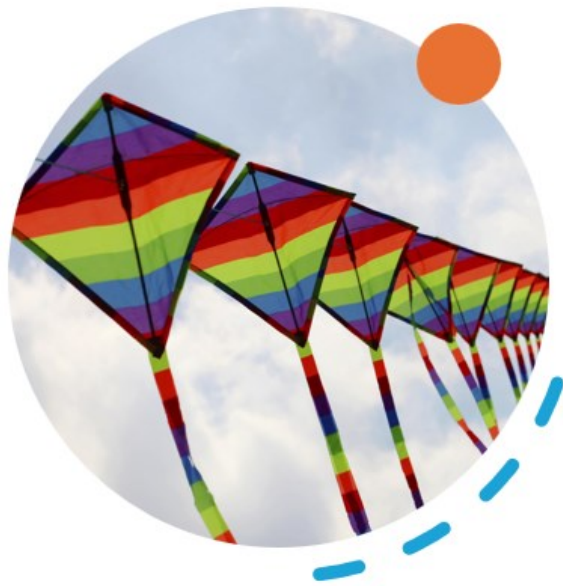
## Being FAITHFUL

"If you are \_\_\_\_\_ in little things, you will be \_\_\_\_\_ in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not \_\_\_\_\_ with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?"  
 Luke 16.1-12

### The Background of Today's lesson

- ♦ Israel and Judah had turned away from God, and both were \_\_\_\_\_. Israel in 722 B.C. by the Assyrians and Judah in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians.

- ◆ After \_\_\_\_\_ years in captivity, counting from the Babylonian captivity, King Cyrus of the Persian empire allowed them to start to return.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_, the king's cupbearer, returned and \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of the city to half-high in 52 days.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_, the priest, returned and \_\_\_\_\_ the worship and holiness of the people before God.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_, the governor of Judah, returned and \_\_\_\_\_ the temple.



What does it take to be a faithful believer? Dig Deeper and find out. Discussion this Wed. evening at 6 p.m.

**Monday:** Matthew 25.14-30 What KEY lessons do we learn about being faithful to God here?

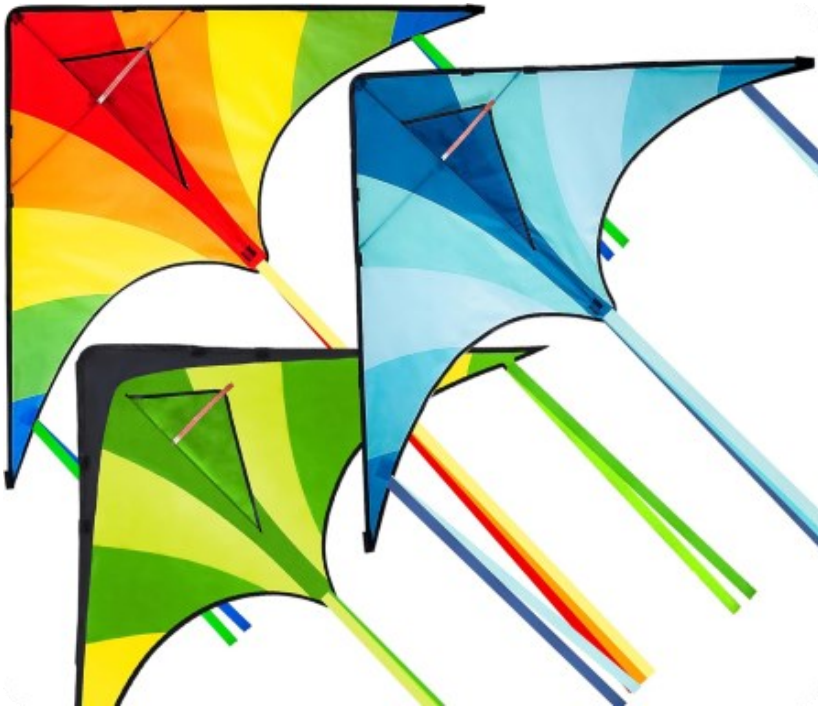
**Tuesday:** Luke 16.1-12 Key verse 12: This one comes right out of this week's message. What is the key to being faithful? How does this help you evaluate other people?

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 3.12-19 How were these people unfaithful? Why is the way they responded so ironic? What should they have done that would have made them faithful to God?

**Thursday:** John 60-69 Why did some disciples stop following Jesus? Why did the rest remain faithful?

**Friday:** Revelation 2.10 – O.K. I know you did not want to read that but, how is this the ultimate test and reward of faithfulness? How do you get ready for such a test?

**SUPER BONUS:** Zechariah's prophecy vision is a picture right out of the book of Revelations. Compare the scripture from Zechariah to the one in Revelation and see if you can figure out what each one symbolizes. Read Zechariah 4.1-14 and then list the different items in his vision. Now from the following scriptures how many can you figure out? Revelation 1.12-13; Revelation 1.20; Revelation 11.3-4.



### Last Word Week 4

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ the Script: Let God write your life story.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ the Wave: Face you fear, find your faith, feed on forgiveness.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ the Frog: Make God's priority your priority.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ the Kite: Learn to be faithful in little things, and God will use you for great things.

### Scripture Reading: Zechariah 4.1-14

#### BUT...

- ◆ It is not by force nor by strength, \_\_\_\_\_ by MY \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- ◆ What comes \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ is always the most important part of the sentence.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ saw himself as too young to serve God.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ saw himself as inferior and ill-equipped to serve God.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ saw his sins and the peoples sins as stopping him from serving God.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ saw his physical ailment as stopping him from serving God fully.
- ◆ As 2 Corinthians 12:9 \_\_\_\_\_ he said to me, "MY \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

#### NOTHING...

- ◆ Nothing, not even A \_\_\_\_\_ , will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him!

- ◆ Here, we learn what it means to be faithful in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- ◆ 1 Samuel 17.34-37 The God who has delivered you in the \_\_\_\_\_ will also deliver you in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ David was \_\_\_\_\_ of God working in his life in the \_\_\_\_\_ , in the \_\_\_\_\_ , and in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ Isaiah 40.4 Every \_\_\_\_\_ shall be lifted up, and every \_\_\_\_\_ and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- ◆ Mark 11.23 "say to \_\_\_\_\_ mountain..." What mountain, valley, rough ground, or rough place do you need God to help you deal with?

### WHEN...

- ◆ And \_\_\_\_\_ Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!'
- ◆ **WHEN:** God sees the \_\_\_\_\_ from on high and knows the finish.
- ◆ **The Final Stone:** God is planning for your \_\_\_\_\_ every step of the way. ^

- ◆ **May God Bless it:** God \_\_\_\_\_ that we are walking toward every day.



### SMALL...

- ◆ Do not despise **these small** \_\_\_\_\_ , for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin,
- ◆ Aristotle: 'Well begun is half done.'
- ◆ Lay the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ , Give a cup of water, share your lunch, surrender your staff, pick five smooth stones, drop your net, step out of the boat, fly the kite,
- ◆ You must \_\_\_\_\_ the seed if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ a crop.