

Faithfulness

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

Luke 16:10 (NRSV)

I don't know about you, but I often struggle to feel like I'm good enough. I am constantly measuring myself up to the person next to me, questioning if I'm as helpful as them, as valuable as them, or as involved as them. But playing the game of comparison often ends in me feeling helpless, hopeless, and worthless. Beyond that, comparing myself to others shifts my focus from the task at hand to . . . well, me. And if there's one thing we should be cautious of in today's world, it is taking up someone else's cause and participating not for their sake, but for ours. Ego is a sneaky beast that weasels its way into our lives through comparison. But Jesus is so kind to remind us that whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much. So when we're participating in race-conscious conversations and confronting our own biases, we do not have to worry about comparing our progress to the progress of those who surround us. God is paying attention to your faithfulness! It often feels like the little things don't matter, but Jesus assures us that they do. Do not feel helpless or hopeless; your consistent acts of faithfulness are important factors to creating sustainable change!

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Lord, I repent for the moments I have shifted my focus from the task at hand to myself. I choose to fix my eyes on you and your people. May I not lose hope when my faithfulness feels futile. Thank you, God, for honoring those who are faithful in very little.

Pray for someone who looks different than you. Visit a park in a neighborhood you're not as comfortable in. These may be small actions, but God cares about the little things!

