REMAINING FAITHFUL

(Psalm 119:97-104)

INTRODUCTION - God has provided necessary resources to instill faithfulness in us.

1. LET GOD SAY SOMETHING TO YOU EVERY DAY

(Psalm 119) extols the strengthening virtues of God's Word:

(v9) "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to Your word"
(v24) "Your testimonies also are my delight" (v32) "I will run the course of
Your commandments" (v33) "Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end" (v40) "Behold, I long for Your precepts"
(v44) "So shall I keep Your law continually" (v175) "let Your judgments help me"

Jesus met every temptation with "It is written ..." (Matthew 4:4, v7, v10)

2. SAY SOMETHING TO GOD EVERY DAY

(Luke 18:1) "... that men ought always to pray and not lose heart"

"Lose heart" - to faint; to grow weary; depleted in strength; dispirited. Saying something to God every day has a way of strengthening faith.

Apostle Paul exhorts to "put on the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17) so that we may be able to "stand" and "withstand;" then, he concludes with (v18) "praying always with all prayer and supplication ... "

Jesus provides the example: (Mark 6:41 and 14:26; Luke 3:21, 11:1, 6:12-13, 9:28, 22:19, 23:34; John 17:1-26).

3. SAY SOMETHING FOR GOD EVERY DAY

1) By your manner of life:

(John 13:34-35) "... love one another ... by this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
(2 Cor. 3:2) "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men"
(Matthew 5:16) "Let your light so shine before men ..."

2) By your speech:

(Acts 4:29) "and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word" (Romans 1:16) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ... "
Tomorrow morning, when people ask about what you did over the weekend, include your attendance in a worship assembly.

4. DO SOMETHING FOR GOD EVERY DAY

(James 1:22) "be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Hebrews 6:9-12) (v9) "... yes, things that accompany salvation ... "Galatians 6:9-10) "And let us not grow weary while doing good ... "