What does it mean to be faithful? Join us for our **GIFT** session Sunday September 28 or Monday September 29

As we explore



Faithfulness in The Old Testament

Featuring Fr. Bill Burkert, Marni Geissler,

Deb Steppe & Tom Chmielewski as our Adult Presenters

Fr. Bill, Marni, Deb and Tom are all faithful members of OLOL, struggling with some of the same questions that our Old Testament ancestors struggled with!

GIFT is for all parishioners, regardless of age, gender,

marital, household or life situation.

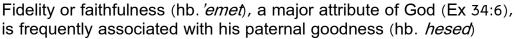
We are all life long learners!

Some Thoughts to Ponder...

What is Faithfulness? According to Miriam Webster:

FAITHFUL, LOYAL, CONSTANT, STAUNCH, STEADFAST, RESOLUTE mean firm in adherence to whatever one owes allegiance. FAITHFUL implies unswerving adherence to a person or thing or to the oath or promise by which a tie was contracted < *faithful* to her promise >. LOYAL implies a firm resistance to any temptation to desert or betray <remained *loyal* to the czar>. CONSTANT stresses continuing firmness of emotional attachment without necessarily implying strict obedience to promises or vows <*constant* friends>. STAUNCH suggests fortitude and resolution in adherence and imperviousness to influences that would weaken it <a *staunch* defender of free speech>. STEADFAST implies a steady and unwavering course in love, allegiance, or conviction <*steadfast* in their support>. RESOLUTE implies firm determination to adhere to a cause or purpose <a *resolute* ally>.

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toward the people of the covenant. These two complimentary attributes indicate that the covenant is at one and the same a free gift and a lien, the solidity of which has stood the proof of centuries...all through salvation history God's fidelity is shown to be immutable in contrast to the constant infidelity of [people] until Christ, faithful witness of the truth communicates the Grace with which he is filled...

[Dictionary of Biblical Theology. Leon-Dufour, ed., page 164.]

"Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you die I will die, and there be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more, if even death separates me from you!" [Ruth 1:16-17]

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said: I am God the Almighty. Walk in my presence and be blameless. Between you and me I will establish my covenant, and I will multiply you exceedingly. Abram fell face down and God said to him: For my part, here is my covenant with you: you are to become the father of a multitude of nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a multitude of nations." [Genesis 17:1-5]

Please note: If you are not registered for GIFT, an RSVP is necessary so that we have enough food and materials. Please call Jenni at 414-541-9470 See you at GIFT!

