

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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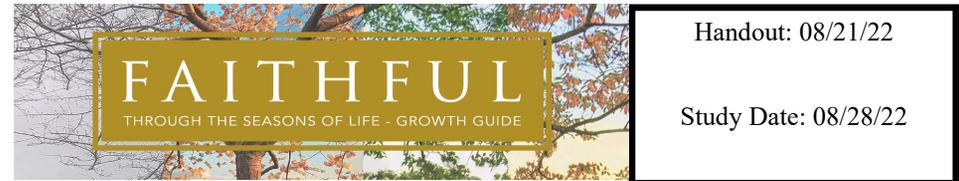
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Ed and Annita Hoagland are our missionaries in Mexico. They just shared a praise with our church family. They had a fantastic summer camp season with 2,753 campers with 958 of whom accepted Christ, 378 baptisms, and 80 students committed to attend Bible College. Their leaders are already thinking about next year. Ed and Annita desire is to do a better job in showing the love of God and ministering to more young people.



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Study Date: 08/28/22

## Faithful In Family

“But you promised!”

How many times, as parents, have we heard those words? Our memory of our promises often isn’t as acute as our kids’ memories, and they can be deeply disappointed when we forget. All children crave promise keeping from the significant adults in their lives. They want to trust that we will do what we say.

I’m glad God doesn’t forget His promises. He keeps His Word. When He makes a promise, He will deliver. Faithfulness, one of the attributes of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), is a biblical word describing those who keep their promises. It does not mean “full of faith,” but rather “worthy of faith.” Faithfulness says, “I will keep my word. I will not fail you. I won’t quit on you.” Faithfulness is the glue that keeps our actions adhering to our promises.

The faithfulness of God is foundational to our faith: If we can’t trust what He says in the Bible, we have no reason to believe. If He doesn’t keep His Word, then our salvation is shaky and our hope is empty. But if God does fulfill His promises, then our faith is meaningful and our eternal destiny is secure.

Faithfulness is foundational to a happy, God-honoring home as well. Promising ice cream and then forgetting, threatening punishment and not following through, or singing “I Love You, Lord” in church and forgetting Him through the week all affect our children and can undermine trust. Children who have to deal with continual broken promises may find it difficult to trust the significant people in their lives — including God.

Practice faithfulness, though, and you will provide stability, security and confidence for your children. You will reflect God to them. And you will instill in them the importance of being true to their word.

When your children develop faithful hearts, they will stay in a close walk with God; they will also find more success in their schoolwork, their friendships, their marriage and their career.

Remember: Faithfulness is an attribute of the fruit of the Spirit, empowered by God. So pray for it. Model it. Teach it. Celebrate it.

### Key Points

- God is faithful; He keeps His promises.
- Faithfulness says, “I will keep my word. I won’t fail you.”
- Faithfulness is essential for a happy home and godly living.

Source: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/reflecting-gods-faithfulness/>

## KEY VERSE

III John 4 (NKJV)

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: III John 4; I John 4:7; I Peter 3:8; Proverbs 3:3**

### Give Your Kids Compassion

1. Describe a time in your life when you needed compassion and someone gave it to you. How did you feel?
2. How do you show compassion to your children and/or others in your family?

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Proverbs 1:8, 22:6**

### Give Your Kids Counsel

3. Describe a time in your life when you needed wise counsel and someone gave it to you.
4. How do you provide Biblical counsel to your children and/or others in your family?

**Wednesday: Proverbs 3:12, 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:17**

### Give Your Kids Correction

5. What does today's verses from Proverbs teach us about correction?
6. What is the difference between punishment and correction?

**Thursday: Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 4:29; Luke 16:10,12**

### Give Your Kids Confidence

7. Describe a time in your life when you needed encouragement and you received it.
8. What do you do to encourage your children and/or others in your family?
9. What do you do to celebrate with your children and/or others in your family?

**Friday: Proverbs 23:26; I Thessalonians 2:7-8; Eccl. 11:9**

### Give Your Kids Companionship

10. Describe a time in your life when you needed companionship.
11. It is said that "rules without relationship equals rebellion". Do you agree, why or why not?
12. Have you given your whole heart to God? If you are a parent, have you won your child's heart?