



The faithful life that God can bless

prepared me to be a leader in ministry today.

I clearly recall the day when God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, I always want you to remember this: however many people I let you help, that's as many people as you can hurt."

I had zero business being in a position of leadership until I passed my tests, became rooted in my relationship with Christ and developed the character to keep me there.

Whenever I see a young person quickly promoted to a key position of leadership, it concerns me, because if you don't have the character to go with the kind of attention that comes with leadership... all you're going to do is create a huge mess. See, God promotes us after we pass our tests — not when we run away from them, ignore them or avoid them.

Thank God, He's faithful to help us do what we need to do to pass our tests when we keep our eyes on Him and trust Him.

And just as He's faithful to us, He expects us to be faithful too.

To be faithful means to be trusted, reliable, sure, and worthy of confidence; firmly and devotedly supportive, loyal, worthy of trust, consistent, steady, constant and steadfast.

In 1 Timothy 3, the apostle Paul tells Timothy how to

determine who is fit to be a leader. Verse 10 says, "These men must first be tested; then if they are found to be blameless and beyond reproach [in their Christian lives], let them serve..." (AMP). You build trust in someone when you see how they respond to different situations over time and are "tested."

Faithful men and women of God humble themselves under the mighty hand of God and trust Him to promote them when He knows they are ready for it (see 1 Peter 5:6). Now, that sounds really spiritual, so I want to make it practical: You're going to be under some human authority that you probably don't like and that you probably don't always agree with.

You may even feel they don't always treat you right. And God is going to ask you to serve faithfully in that position with a good attitude even when you're told "no" when you know that you know that you're right.

The truth is, the only way you're really going to know what you're doing is to go through some things and be faithful-stick with things, don't give up and run away, and don't blame everyone else for your problems.

Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful (right-minded) man

will abound with blessings..." (AMP). Faithful people are in it for the long haul. Being faithful literally means you find out what is right and you do it over and over and over... Have you been faithful with your health?

Do you take care of yourself or have you just abused yourself? Have you been faithful to take care of your possessions or does your car look like a trash can? Have you been faithful with your finances, to save some, spend some, and give some, or have you just spent it all?

It's important for us to be excellent and do the best we can in every area of our lives so we can "abound with blessings" from God.

Be faithful during your tests, right where you are, and God will promote you in due time. If you will do what He's telling you to do, faithfully, then there's no person on earth and no devil in hell that can keep you from what God wants you to have and the destiny He has planned for your life.

If you will be faithful and diligent to do what is right — what you are supposed to do — then no one can keep you from the reward God has for you.

Lutheran Church to host Ash Wednesday service

All are welcomed to attend New Life Lutheran's Ash Wednesday Worship on March 1, beginning at 4 p.m.

New Life is located at 21st and Spruce streets, between Food Share and ABC Preschool.

Come together as worshippers are marked by ash and reminded that they are dust and to dust they shall return.

Feel free to partake in the Community Supper that happens at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of New Life.

Community Suppers happen each Wednesday and are hosted by a different church.

The rotation is as follows: First Wednesday at New Life Lutheran; second Wednesday at Presbyterian of the Siuslaw, third Wednesday at United Methodist; and fourth Wednesday at St. Andrews Episcopal.

All are welcome. For more information, contact Pastor Lori Blake at 541-997-8113.

Do you feel like you're going through a time of testing in your life? Are you struggling with a situation that you're tempted to just avoid, ignore or run away from because it's too hard to face head-on and overcome?

We all go through hard times and have to choose to trust God to help us deal with them and get through them or give up and give in to them. But if we give up, we won't move forward in life and experience God's best for us. We won't get promoted in any area of life.

God only knows what it took to get me from where I started to where I am today. It was hard, to say the least, to come out of the mess I came out of, being abused for so many years, and let God change my attitudes and teach me all the things I try to teach people from God's Word.

But I can tell you right now that I am grateful for every single thing I went through because in the process, I learned so many things that developed my character and

FUUF to discuss Season of Awareness

On Sunday, Feb. 26, the worship service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) will be led by Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller and her message is titled: The Season of Awareness.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, when many Christians begin the season of Lent, with its traditions of prayer and sacrifice.

Miller said, "The tradition is one of many adopted and adapted by the Roman Church from the peoples it brought together across the Empire, with both economic and spiritual bases."

Miller will lead a journey through time and space to give us a sense of the ancient reasons for the seasons and the power that's available to and for us.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

The UU Fellowship, a sanctuary for these challenging times, is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Call 541-997-2840 for more information.

Bahai's to discuss King David on Monday

On Monday, Feb 27, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from varied spiritual paths to discuss King David.

David was a poet and the rabbis believe that David wrote the Book of Psalms, or at least edited it.

Throughout his life, David prepared for the construction of the Holy Temple by setting aside the necessary physical materials, commanding the Levites and others in their duties for the Temple, and giv-

ing the plan for the Temple to Solomon.

Although Bahá'ís universally share a great respect for the Bible, and acknowledge its status as sacred literature, their individual views about its authoritative status range along the full spectrum of possibilities.

Attendees are encouraged to bring information about King David. The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence

Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne at 541 590-0779.

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