

**SWEET SUMMER – LIFE FORMED BY THE SPIRIT
“FAITHFULNESS”**

SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 5:22-23

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INTRODUCTION

- You produce whatever you are attached to.
- Why are there so many fruitless Christians?
- Abiding in Jesus takes effort, intentionality, and work.
- Faithfulness is consistently choosing loyalty, obedience, and perseverance regardless of circumstances or feelings.
- Faithfulness is...
 - Steadfast loyalty to God and to the commitments He has given you.
 - Remaining true even when circumstances change.
 - Being dependable—someone others can count on.
 - Keeping your word even when it costs you.
 - Persevering in obedience when emotions have faded.
 - Remaining planted instead of constantly chasing something new.
 - Finishing what God has called you to do.

I. WHY IS FAITHFULNESS SO HARD?

1. I Want It Now!
 - Galatians 6:7-9 NIV
 - At the proper kairos we will reap a harvest.
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2. I Let My Feelings Lead

- Proverbs 14:12 NLT, “There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”
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3. I Quit When I Face Trials

- 1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV
 - James 1:2-4 NIV
 - Trials don’t automatically produce maturity.
 - They produce the opportunity for perseverance.
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4. I Chase the Next Thing

- Ecclesiastes 1:8-10 NLT
 - Jeremiah 2:13 NLT
 - Psalm 16:11 NKJV
 - The world promises satisfaction through something new.
 - God offers satisfaction through His presence.
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5. I Am Crippled by Comparison

- Matthew 20:1-16 NLT
 - John 21:22 NKJV, “...You follow Me.”
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THIS WEEK - Where is God calling me to remain faithful?