

# MAKE ME

## Make Me Faithful

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It's really easy these days to value flash, charisma, and style. But what we really need is more faithfulness: more steadiness, more stability, more consistency. To be our best as individuals and as a church, we have to choose to be faithful over flashy.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- We as a society often value riches, looks, and talent. We want flash and style.
  - In the Apostle Paul's list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, faithfulness is one of the qualities listed.
  - Faithfulness is a misunderstood and undervalued word.
  - To be faithful is to be steady, stable, responsible, reliable, trustworthy, consistent.
  - A person who follows Jesus and is led by the Spirit is faithful, not by accident, but because *God himself* is faithful.
  - ...if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. | 2 Timothy 2:13
  - You can have all of the flash and charisma and talent, but if you're not consistent and reliable, it doesn't matter.
  - We need someone to be stable for us in our instability, until we learn how to be stable ourselves.
  - Slow and steady wins the race.
  - Faithful over flashy. Steady over sometimes.
  - "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." | Matthew 16:18
  - We have been called to be faithful, steady, and consistent.
  - The greatest gift you can give to your loved ones is to be faithful, steady, and consistent.
  - The greatest gift we can give to our community is to be a church that is faithful, steady, and consistent.
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Over the course of your life, in what ways have you valued flash—style, talent, charisma, drama, shortcuts—over being faithful, consistent, reliable, slow and steady?
2. How have you benefited from someone else's faithfulness, steadiness, stability, reliability, trustworthiness?
3. Who in your life could benefit from you growing in faithfulness, stability, reliability, and consistency?
4. As you pray, "God, make me faithful," what specific areas of your life do you know need growth in being faithful, steady, and consistent? What opportunities do you have to demonstrate more faithfulness?