

# THE REWARDS OF FAITHFULNESS

A Testimony of God's Goodness

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The Word says in Luke 15 verse 10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little thing is dishonest and unjust also in much." And In Luke 18 verse 17, Luke says, "Well done, excellent bond servant! Because you have been faithful and trustworthy in a very little thing, you shall have authority over ten cities". These have been the Scriptures I have stood on for many years. I have proved that our God does watch over His Word to perform it, as the Angels harken to the voice of the Word of God. We are at the beginning of a new year, and old things have passed away, (the Word says) and all things have become new. We choose to forget those things that lie behind us and press on to the mark of the high calling upon our lives in the new year ahead of us. First and foremost, we must choose to focus on that which is good, lovely, kind, and of good report, and spend time at the beginning of this new year in purposeful prayer, fasting, and spending time seeking the face of the Lord. The Word says the sheep hear the Shepherd's voice, and the Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. When we put Our Lord first in our lives, we find that all that the enemy meant for evil will be turned for our good and His glory. Then we will move ahead to the mark of the high calling upon our lives. God has a plan for your life and will use all your giftings, talents, and callings that He has placed within you, and has cultivated for His purposes, up till now. As we put God first and foremost in our lives, we will see that step by step He has been preparing us for such a time as this. Hi, my name is Pastor Sarah Jansson. Besides being an ordained pastor for many years, I am also a Seer Prophet, a Visionary, and have walked in the shoes of an Evangelist for many years now. Most importantly, I am a child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I am a co-founder and Vice President of Heart of Mercy Ministries. For over sixteen years I have ministered in Aglow's, churches, nursing homes, retire-

ment centers, recovery centers, mentally challenged drop-in centers, hospices, jails, prisons, and short-term overseas mission trips, streets, beaches, parks, and door-to-door. I have been a member of the Christian Retreat Family Church in Florida for many years now. I had and still have a heart for the broken, bruised, battered, torn, and overlooked in our society. My heart has been to minister to their spirit, soul, and body bringing salvation, restoration, healing, and deliverance wherever it is needed. My heart is also to raise up all those who would heed the call of God in their lives, to minister to those inside the buildings of the church but also those outside. My calling in this next season is to teach, train and bring impartation to the body of Christ in a greater way so they will get up out of their seats and go into the streets, for the glory of God. So how has this worked in my life? Glad you asked! When I would go to church, and five people would get a Word of knowledge, and one person didn't, it was always me that got left out. I would go home and cry and say to the Lord, "I must not be called, it must be all in my head, otherwise someone would notice it. After a short while, Holy Spirit would say to me, "Are you done with your pity party? OK now, I'll give a sure Word of prophecy. Go into the Word of God and look up Mark 16 v 14. This is your Word from me." So, I started to go to the nearest nursing home and visit those that had no visitors. After a while the nurses let me take them into the dining room where we sang gospel songs and prayed. So, could I sing? Yes, like a duck underwater. But that's the door God opened for me, so that's what I did! I went every week, and they loved it. Some of the Mommas that I ministered to graduated into heaven that way. I was faithful to do this for a whole year when God promoted me to the nearest retirement center. Now I had a letter of reference to give them from the nursing home. So now it was one week at one place, and the next week at the other. I was faithful to do both

the retirement center and the nursing home for another year. I sang gospel songs at both places and preached and prayed with them. I so loved going there, and they all loved me going as well. We had a great time, loving on Jesus together. Now did I feel my main calling was to the elderly? No! But I was being faithful in the little things that God put before me, and I was happy to Go! This was the world God was sending me to for that season. Now I did both for another whole year before Holy Spirit graduated me to the nearest recovery center. Some of the people were court-ordered to be there, and some came on their own accord. Some people were ready for recovery, while others needed to go around the mountain one more time. Some wanted bible studies etc. and some did not, some wanted one-on-one, and some wanted group studies. This is where I had to learn to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as to what He wanted to be done each time with each person. Some were there for a long time, while others were gone by the next time. Some people were familiar with the Word of God, while others never even read the bible. I loved going there as well but I realized that all the enemy had meant for evil in my life in those previous years, God was turning for the good of others and to His glory. I would even eat dinner with them sometimes, and I went every week for several years. Now later, the nursing home had fallen away to make room for other things in my new season. As I was faithful in the little things, all that God had placed before me, He slowly but surely expanded my territory and enlarged my tent. He also, as time went on, added some prison and jail ministry, and a mentally challenged center, which I also went to weekly for a long time. I found I loved ministering to those that were broken, bruised, battered, and torn, from the trials of life. So, I brought them the love, the compassion, the fullness of the Word of God wrapped up in the power of the Holy Spirit. I even did some short-term mission trips to Ita-

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ly, Haiti, Honduras, and for His glory, one way or another. Thousands of Evangelistic materials were given out as well. I cannot tell you to this day, where all the money came from to do all that we did. We had no church building to call our own, so we lived with bags, boxes, and bugs for years, with only a storage unit or two to use. I worked it like a job, sometimes all day and every day, but I wouldn't trade it for anything else, as Holy Spirit was using me to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the fulness of His power to many people that wouldn't darken the doors of a good Spirit-filled church, and I loved it. It was worth all the hard work and every moment that I spent. Now Holy Spirit says to me, "You're going to walk now in an Apostolic/ Prophetic calling. Your next season is to raise up those that I send you to and all those that are sent to you. Raising up Kingdom-minded people to do all you have done all these years, and more so, according to their giftings and callings!" Fill them up with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Word of God, raise them up,

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release them, and send them out, so that out of their bellies shall flow rivers of living waters, just like I have done with you." By faith, this is what I am doing! Letting Holy Spirit hold my hand every step of the way, like in all the other seasons past. So my friend, let me encourage you in this next year and the next season of your life, be faithful in the little things that God places before you and see what He does through you in this next coming year. Serving the Lord is so exciting!!! What else compares with it in life? It is what you are on earth for. So that you can hear one day, "You were faithful in all I placed in your life and in your hands, enter into the joy of the Lord." Many Blessings, Sarah Jansson Facebook: sarahjansson2

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