our heritage

God only asks us to do what He's ALREADY DONE for us.

1 John 3:1 NIV
See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children

John 13:15-17

15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

FAITHFULNESS is our responsibility; FRUITFULNESS is God's.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Esther 4:15-16

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 'Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.'"

Acts 8:26-27a

[26] As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." [27] So he started out…

Faithfulness leads to more OPPORTUNITY.

Matthew 25:21

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.'

Luke 16:10

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

So What?

Notes:

Prayers of the People

Throughout "Our Heritage," we are inviting the entire Heritage family to participate in what some traditions have called “Prayers of the People.” These prayers provide an opportunity to connect with God in one heart and voice even as we disperse through the week.

This week as we lean into obedience and trust, we invite you to use Psalm 139:23-24 as a traditional prayer of Examen:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

How to start a relationship with God:

1) *Admitting that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue.*
2) *Asking God to forgive your sins.*
3) *Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.*

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: Share one thing about this weekend's message that impacted and/or challenged you. What about this thing encouraged, challenged or stretched you?

:: Take a moment to re-read John 13:15-17.
:: How meaningful is it to know that God only asks us to do what He's already done for us? How do you see this truth displayed in what Jesus asks of his disciples in this passage?

:: Pastor Justin said, "Faithfulness is our responsibility; fruitfulness is God's." What do you think this means? Do you agree?

:: What examples can you think of, from your own life or in Scripture, where you see God responding to the faithfulness of His people?

:: How do you think a willingness to be faithful is linked to our trust in God?

:: What about our posture at Heritage to Faithfully Risk & to be Radically Generous excites you? How do you see these things lived out in our relationship with Jefferson Elementary School and ZOE?

:: Identify one thing you believe God is asking you to trust Him with and step into Faithful Risk and/or Radical Generosity.

:: Take time to pray & ask God to give you wisdom & favor to do his will.