TALK IT OVER

CASE STUDY
Matthias

BOTTOM LINE

Faithfulness is never wasted in the hands of God.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is a small everyday promise you try to keep to yourself?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCE

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- Who was Matthias in the Bible? (18.25 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

"So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus – from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection." So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they all prayed, "O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven. Acts 1:21-24 NLT

For promotion and power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God. He prompts one and deposes another. Psalm 75:6 TLB

"The Greek word for faithfulness in Galatians 5:22 means trustworthiness, loyalty, and absolute reliability."

"Be faithful in the season you are in, because you never know for what God is preparing you." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Faithfulness is a supernatural fruit of the Spirit. It must be paired with gentleness. Why is that important? Matthias illustrates the core elements of faithfulness. **Faithfulness starts before the opportunity.** What do you think Matthias's life was like before being chosen? "Private faithfulness prepares you for public opportunity." How have you seen that to be proven? **Faithfulness means staying when others leave.** What are the occasions he could have walked away? When have you ever been tempted to walk away from commitment? How did you overcome it? **Faithfulness is not dependent on recognition.** We never hear Matthias's name before he was chosen. Yet he was faithful through all of Jesus' ministry. What opportunities might he have had to be jealous of other disciples? How do you fight comparison? **God sees what people overlook, and He can use the years you think were wasted.** Everything is seen and is preparation. What season was hard that you now see as preparation? Or is it now? Talk about what God has done or is doing. **You don't have to be famous to make a difference.** Think of an ordinary person in your life or history who encourages you. Who can you encourage to be faithful?

ACTION STEP

I want to leave a legacy of faithfulness. My challenge today is to make this commitment: _____