RESOLVED TO BE FAITHFUL

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Sermon Theme: Faithfulness is shown through ordinary obedience to God, regardless of obstacles or discomfort. Jesus and John the Baptist exemplify unwavering faithfulness to God's commands. As Christians, we must strive to be faithful to God, as He has been faithful to us through the Lord Jesus.

I. <u>Faithfulness of Jesus – Read Luke 2:41-52</u>

- A. What does Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to Jewish customs tell us about their character?
- B. Read Luke 2:46-52. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage? How do these verses show Jesus' attentiveness to the Word and faithfulness to God's mission?
- C. Why is it significant that Jesus is perfectly obedient to His earthly parents and His Heavenly Father? What implications does Jesus' obedience have for our salvation?
- D. In verse 51, Mary "treasured up all these things in her heart." How is Mary's growing understanding of the Lord Jesus encouraging you?

II. Faithfulness of John – Read Luke 3:1-20

- A. Read Luke 3:1-3. What does it mean when Luke writes that John "proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"?
- B. Read Luke 3:7-14. According to Luke, what is the difference between true and false repentance?
- C. What is the main point of John's illustration in verses 9-10?
- D. Considering Luke 3:15-20, John displays great courage and humility. How would you like to grow in courage and humility?

III. Faithfulness of Believers - Application

- A. What should be the motivation for believers to be faithful to God? What does it look like to be motivated by the gospel of Christ?
- B. What does it look like to strive to be faithful to the Lord?
- C. As we enter 2025, where would you like to grow in faithfulness to God?