

Fruit of the Spirit (Part-07) - Faithfulness

(Ruth 1:1-18)

I. Fruit of the Spirit - Faithfulness

(a). Teacher illustratively explains about the fruit of the Spirit to the children in interesting and attractive ways Gal. 5:22-23

(b). Ask the children to mention the "nine types" of the fruit of the Spirit.

(c). The seventh type of the fruit of the Spirit is FAITHFULNESS. Proverbs 20:6 says Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? (KJV Version). In other words it is extremely rare to find people who claim themselves to be good person but faithful in God's sight. Faithfulness becomes our lifestyle when we let the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God help us cultivate the seed of fruit of the Spirit to grow.

 Teacher asks the children how often they ask the Holy spirit to help them be nice to other people

(d). Teachers tells the story about Ruth from Ruth 1:1-18, that includes the following details:

~ Why did Elimelech leave Bethlehem and go down to Moab? (v1)

~ Do you think God was happy to see Elimelech and his family left Bethlehem?

~ What was happening with Elimelech and his family when he lived in the country where unbelievers are practising unfaithful lifestyle (v 3,5)

~ What the difference Ruth and Orpah's attitude when their mother in law asked them not to follow her returning to Bethlehem in the Land of Judah?

(e). Lesson from the story of Ruth's faithfulness:

(i). When somebody does not pay honour to faithfulness as what Elimelech did to God by leaving the country without His consent, they will undergo lots of bitter experiences

(ii). When Naomi heard God's faithfulness being shown to His people in the land of Judah, her heart was pumped up and moved to return to her home land in the Judah. God's faithfulness inspires us to live faithfully! (v6).

(iii). Faithfulness requires willingness to pay the price

(iv). Because of faithfulness, Ruth was willingly to go with her in law returning to the land of Judah without any property left, without anything that she could hope for in such new place for her.

(v). Faithfulness leads to successful life (at the end of the day, Ruth reaps sweet life from all seeds of faithfulness that she had shown

II. How to get faithfulness into practice?

(1). You need to pay the price for faithfulness (Ruth 1:12-13)

 Teacher shares their testimony on living in faithfulness and the price that they paid for it

* Teacher encourages the children to practise faithfulness daily:

(i). Be faithful in sacrificing your time for God (ie. Prayers, read the bible, worship God in church, etc)

(ii). Be faithful in giving offerings for God's works

(iii). Be faithful in obeying your parents instructions

(2). True faithfulness

* Ask the children to memorise Psalm 100:5 (Psa 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.)

* Remind the children that if they can still be able to breathe well, if they can still eat well, if they can see that everything works in order, all these things prove that God is faithful!

 Teacher shares their testimony on reflecting God's faithfulness through their faithful attitudes in both secular world and spiritual community and what the impact of it is

III. Class Creativity