

THE FAITHFUL FEW.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. *Pet. 3:20-21.*

B. Regarding the text:

1. We recognize that faithful Christians are in the minority.
2. Sometimes this might cause us to be discouraged.
3. However, faithful Christians have always been in the minority.
 - 1) God wants all men to be saved (*2 Pet. 3:9*).
 - 2) However, we know that few will enter in (*Matt. 7:13-14; 22:14*).
4. The faithful are a small but significant group in God's plan.
 - 1) They are the salt of the earth (*Matt. 5:13*).
 - 2) They are the light of the world (*Matt. 5:14-15; Phil. 2:15*).
5. There is something to be said for the faithful few.

I. THE FAITHFUL FEW PRESERVED HUMANITY.

A. *Genesis 6:5-8.*

1. The few (8 souls) of Noah's family (*1 Pet. 3:20*).
2. The faithful few worked by God's instructions (*Eph. 2:8-10*).

B. As few as ten could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah (*Gen. 18:32*). Yet, the cities were destroyed (*Gen. 19:23-29*).

II. THE FAITHFUL FEW TRUSTS IN GOD FOR THEIR STRENGTH.

A. Gideon's victory over the Midianites (*Judges 7*).

1. Initially, 32,000 men rallied around Gideon to fight Midian. At God's command, anyone afraid departed (leaving 10,000), and then further selection at the water's edge reduced the number to just 300 men (*Judges 7:3-7*).
2. This reduced number faced the Midianite and Amalekite armies (*Judges 7:12*).

B. With God's strength, the few defeated many!

1. Today, few are willing to rely upon God:
 - 1) Many rely on the world's wisdom (*Pro. 30:12; 1 Cor. 1:20*).
 - 2) Many spend their time striving for material things (*Matt. 16:26*).
2. Strength from the Lord is mightier than numbers.

C. We sing, "I am weak but thou art strong..."

III. THE FAITHFUL FEW TRAVEL THE NARROW ROAD.

A. *Matt. 7:13-14.*

1. *Luke 13:24.*
 - 1) Strive means to fight (*1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7*).
 - 2) Thayer's definition is "to contend with adversaries."

B. Some miss the narrow way:

1. Many have improper priorities (*Matt. 6:33*).
2. Some love the world (*2 Tim. 4:10*).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Don't be ashamed to be one of a few.

B. Remember, joy will come if we are one of a few.

C. We may be few in number, but we can be strong in the Lord!