

It is one of the hardest things we could ever be asked to do – be faithful in a world where many are not. You would be obviously thought of as some kind of religious freak. Yet, this is where Daniel found himself. He must have felt like he was the last faithful person on earth and he cried to God, “Do not disappoint us.”

The best thing a faithful person needs in order to keep being a faithful person is to have God back up what we believe. Of course, if we can't have the best, we can have faith in our faith. This is more likely the most common experience.

One of the sad things for the king in the parable we hear in the gospel for today is the king had faith in what he believed were faithful servants. He was very disappointed with what he found. He forgave one servant who refused to forgive another.

How often do we imagine that being a faithful person to God is based upon some courageous act of commitment – some strength to a cause in which no one else cares.

However, what Jesus shows us is the cause of the Christian is in the question Peter asks, “How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?”

Forgiveness is not about fulfilling what we think we deserve from another. It is about fulfilling what God deserves. This is the God who made his son suffer for our forgiveness. It should simply be offered. Why even wait until someone says, “I'm sorry.”

God does not disappoint us because God forgives us even before we ask. Remember the story of the Prodigal Son who came with his ‘spiel’ about hoping to find a place as a servant. He didn't even finish the sentence and he was immediately embraced as a full son of the father.

Forgiveness before we ‘deserve’ it. Forgiveness of others before they ask for it. God has not disappointed us. Why would we disappoint God?