



**FAITHFUL ONE** SHRINK RESISTANT

HEBREWS 10.37-39

*For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.*

*And my righteous ones will live by faith.*

*But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”*

*But we do not belong to those who turn away from God to their own destruction.*

*We are the FAITHFUL ONES, whose souls will be saved.*

BUT I WILL TAKE NO PLEASURE IN ANYONE WHO

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CORNELIUS WAS AN UNCOMMONLY

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SOMEONE IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_

SOMEONE IS ALWAYS BECOMING \_\_\_\_\_

GOD WILL \_\_\_\_\_

FAITHFULNESS BEGINS WITH \_\_\_\_\_



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FURTHERMORE...

I'm excited to open up this topic of FAITHFULNESS because there are so many helpful things to discover. One thing that is coming up is a very compelling youtube video that I believe we'll use in part 4. It is the response of a well known outspoken atheist who was approached by a Christian who gave him a Bible.

Cornelius is a really great example of a man who knew there was something to find he pursued God. He certainly didn't have an understanding of who God was from the Jewish perspective but he faithfully acted upon what he *did* know.

But probably one of the most interesting things about this man being a Centurion is that he was a powerful, authoritative commander who was enlisted in the intense, violent military of one of the most ungodly societies. He was accustomed to giving orders, not taking them. He most likely was a man who wanted to know why he was being told to do something. But when the angel told him to send for Peter, there's no indication that Cornelius knew why. He just humbly obeyed and awaited Peter's arrival to see.

Today in our culture it seems that many expect everything about God to square with our own sense of justice, political correctness, personal values, etc. If God checks out and fits with our own world and sensibilities, we'll let Him in...at least partially.

When it comes to being a FAITHFUL ONE, if our faith is tendered upon arising conditions and situations, we'll certainly shrink back from God whenever something discouraging, confusing, challenging or even uncomfortable arises. Eventually we'll just quit Him. Faith begins with saying *no matter what*, I will be faithful to you.

What a great inspiration to see Cornelius - this very, very powerful man demonstrate this kind of humility and faithfulness.

