

Old Faithful. That is a name of a geyser in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Explorers discovered and name the geyser in 1870 when they saw just how big and regular the eruptions were. Old Faithful is one of the most predictable geographical features on Earth. We can count on it to erupt approximately every 90 minutes around the clock, day after day and year after year. Hence its name, Old Faithful.

Old Faithful is a nickname we sometimes give to things that are dependable or reliable. I had a Jeep Cherokee that I sometimes called Old Faithful. I bought it new in 1991 and owned it until 2009 when I sold it. I drove that vehicle for 18 years. After selling it I would see it being driven around town for several more years. I know that Jeep was on the road for at least 20 years.

My Jeep was dependable and reliable. It did not wear out tires, it was pretty good on gas, had no rust and seemed to never break down. I only remember changing the tires twice, replacing the alternator once and having to put in three new batteries in all those years. Routine maintenance is all it really required. I used it for everything too. It went from a family vehicle hauling just us and our stuff to a work vehicle hauling tools in the back and construction supplies on the roof. It did it all.

It truly was Old Faithful to us. Well that was until one day when it just would not start. Finally Old Faithful was not so faithful. The problem was really strange. The vehicle would run fine then just randomly would not start. A mechanic discovered that the engine was getting vapor locked. It sounded strange to me. Pressure was building up in the engine that would not allow it to start. He put a simple little valve at the top of the engine. He told me to periodically open that valve and let the pressure off the engine. Sure enough it fixed it. As strange as it may sound it truly was the issue. If I forgot to open that valve periodically then eventually the engine would not start. I would then simply open that valve, let the pressure off and start the engine. It would take right off and run like it always did. Outside of routine maintenance that was the only real problem I ever remember having with that vehicle. Just like the geyser Old Faithful, my Jeep had to relieve its pressure periodically. If I was faithful to let the pressure off the engine it was faithful to run and get me where I needed to go.

Faithfulness Desired

Just like my Jeep, we like things that are faithful, dependable and reliable. We also like faithful people. We know we can count on those things and those people in our lives who are faithful. Faithfulness is such a good quality to have. It is something that we admire about people and we aspire to be. We want to have and to be faithful friends, parents, children and co-workers. Faithfulness is a blessing.

What is the most faithful thing you can think of in your life? Who is the most faithful person you know?

Faithfulness Defined

What is it that makes someone or something faithful?

What are some of the ways we would describe faithfulness?

How do we recognize or identify someone who is faithful?

Developing Faithfulness!

Faithfulness is such a good quality to have. No one wants to be unfaithful. We aspire to be or at least want to be thought of as a faithful person. Would you describe yourself as faithful?

Would others describe you as faithful?

What are some ways in which we can be more faithful or develop more faithfulness in our lives?
