

Personal Study Guide Part 8 The Faithfulness of God

Read the following introduction on pages 1 & 2, then watch the video using pages 3 & 4 to take notes.

Introduction: What's the source of your hope?

1. We all depend on something or someone to “hold us up” inside.
 2. When that something or someone is “coming through for us” we experience a sense of peace, satisfaction, and optimism about the future.
 3. When that something or someone “fails to come through for us” we experience a sense of anxiety, dissatisfaction, and ultimately despair.
- **Conclusion:** It seems that the secret to a life of unending joy and peace is to find something or someone who will “come through for you” 100% of the time in any and every situation forever.
 - **The Solution:** Lamentations 3:21-24

Defining the faithfulness of God

- **Definition** = “Steadfast in affection or allegiance – loyal.
- **Synonyms** – Dependable, trustworthy, loyal, staunch, resolute, constant, reliable, true to one’s word, keeps one’s promises, true to and consistent to one’s character, someone “who comes through for you.”

Why is God able to be faithful 100% of the time?

1. He is **all-knowing** – He is never caught off guard. Romans 11:33-36
2. He is **all-powerful** – He never encounters anything or anyone who can thwart His plans or purposes.
3. He is **holy** – He is pure, honest, full of integrity, unable to lie, and therefore, is always consistent with His character and His Word. Isaiah 6:1-6
4. He is **eternal** – He is not affected by space or time; He knows the end from the beginning. Psalm 90:2
5. He is **omnipresent** – Nothing can happen outside the sphere of His influence. Psalm 139:7-11
6. He is **immutable** – He never changes; is never different than He is now, He is never in a bad mood, and never has a bad day. Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8

“All of God’s acts are consistent with all of His attributes. No attribute contradicts any other, but all harmonize and blend into each other in the infinite abyss of the Godhead. ...He is at once faithful and immutable, so all His words and acts must be and must remain faithful.”

A.W. Tozer – *Knowledge of the Holy*

- **Summary:** God is 100% faithful to His Word, His promises, His people, and His character because He cannot be otherwise. **He will never let you down!**

How does God reveal His faithfulness to us?

- Through His _____ Psalm 119:89-90; 145:13-6

- Through His _____
 - The Patriarchs Genesis 12:1-3
 - David Psalm 132:11
 - The Church Matthew 16:18

- Through His _____
 - The Father Numbers 23:19
 - The Spirit Galatians 5:23
 - The Son Revelation 19:11

- Through His _____ Isaiah 55:10-11
 - His Word is true John 17:17
 - He keeps His covenants Deuteronomy 7:9
 - He keeps His promises Hebrews 10:23
 - He fulfills His predictions Isaiah 42:8-10

- How He _____ our lives when . . .
 - We are weak 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 - We are tempted 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - We sin 1 John 1:9
 - We utterly fail 2 Timothy 2:11-13

How can we respond to God's faithfulness?

1. **Put** your _____ behind you today!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

2. **Bring** your _____ problems, pains, and failures to Jesus today!

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

3. **Put** your _____ for the future in the One who will never let you down! God and God alone.

This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Application:

1. What in your past needs to be put behind you?
2. What present circumstance do you need to bring to Jesus today?
3. What reminder will you establish so you continually put your hope in God? Do you need to ask someone to help you?

GO DEEPER & TALK IT OVER

We are better together because God created us for relationships. Work through the following question with a friend.

Read the story of the Israelites crossing the Jordan River in Joshua chapters 3 and 4. As a testimony of God's faithfulness and power, Joshua had the priests take 12 stones from the Jordan and make a memorial that would always be a reminder of what God did that day.

What is one memorial in your life where you can point back to God's faithfulness and power?