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God is Faithful... Always Faithful

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It is our prayer and hope that these devotionals encourage and strengthen you in your walk with Christ and your work for Christ. He alone is worthy!

He Is Faithful...Always Faithful.

What do we mean when we say "He is faithful"? We mean that He is absolutely dependable! This speaks of the loyalty, honesty, dependability and unchangability of God to Himself, His promises and His people.

The one word that stands out in describing this attribute of God in the Old Testament is the Hebrew word "chesed" חֶסֶד translated most often as "mercy" (KJV) or "STEADFAST LOVE" (ESV) It is found 248 times in the Old Testament and 127 times in the Psalms alone. It forms the basis of our praise, our joy, our hope, our security, and our salvation. It speaks of God's unchanging dependability.

God's Unchanging Dependability!

He is loyal, faithful & true... absolutely dependable & unchanging.

To Himself – His very nature and character Who He is Ex 34:6-7

To His Promises – He has not, will not, and cannot lie! Titus 1:2

To His People – He has not, will not, and cannot forsake His own! Heb 13:5

Key Passages on God's Faithfulness

***Psalm 136** the echo ending each and every verse

***Lamentations 3:22-23** the fulcrum – it stands as the only hope in the midst of overwhelming grief

***Phil 1:6** the end goal and certain conclusion

***1Thess. 5:24** He who calls you is faithful and He will surely do it!

He is Faithful To Himself – The Foundation of our Faith - Our Greatest Assurance

Because God is faithful to Himself, we can rest in complete and blessed assurance of eternal life

Exodus 34:6 He is Faithful to His Name

As God declared His name to Moses, the core of its meaning is faithfulness

Isaiah 48:8-11 For His own sake He will be faithful Isaiah 50:10

2 Timothy 2:13 He cannot deny (be unfaithful to) Himself Numbers 14:17-19

Hebrews 6:13-14 He swore an oath by Himself – our greatest assurance

Psalm 23:3 He leads us faithfully for His name's sake John 10:27-28

Revelation 19:11 His very name is Faithful and True

John 14:6 He Is The Truth Absolutely Faithful to Himself for His name's sake

Your confidence in God must not rest in the level of your obedience.

Your confidence in God must rest in His own integrity and loyalty to His own name.

To have confidence is to trust.

To trust is to be at rest.

To rest is to depend completely without fear.

You called on His name.

You trust in His name.

You rest in His name.

You pray in His name.

Lu 24:47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached *in His name* to all nations...

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

He is Faithful to His Promises - The Substance of our Faith – Our Greatest Hope

He is loyal, faithful & true... absolutely dependable & unchanging.

Titus 1:2 He has not, will not, and cannot lie!

Titus 1:9 hold to the faithful Word – His word is dependable, unlike the words of weak and sinful men

1 Thess 5:24 **He who promised is faithful, and He will surely do it!**

Heb. 10:23 He who promised is faithful

Heb. 11:11 Sarah considered Him faithful who promised – this is the substance of our faith

He is Faithful to His People - The Application of our Faith – Our Greatest Joy

Faithful to Forgive - our greatest need

1 John 1:9 He is *faithful* and just to forgive us

Hebrews 2:17 made like (us) to be a merciful and *faithful* High Priest

Faithful in our Trials and Struggles – our constant need

Isaiah 41:10, 13 Fear not... I am your God! I will help you. I will strengthen you! I will carry you!

1 Corinthians 10:13 *God is faithful* who will not allow you to be tempted above your ability to withstand it

2 Thess. 3:3 The Lord is *faithful*! He will establish you and guard you against the evil one!

GOD IS FAITHFUL!

LOOK BACK AND SEE IT....

LOOK AROUND AND EMBRACE IT...

LOOK AHEAD AND EXPECT IT!

“Father, You are faithful. Lord Jesus, You are faithful! Holy Spirit, You are faithful! O Blessed Trinity, You are forever faithful to Yourself, Your promises, and we Your people. How can we praise You enough? You are glorious in all Your ways. Faithful in every way. Grow us in the kind of trust You are worthy of. Give us the growing faith of Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Daniel, Peter, and all Your beloved children that we may glorify You in our trusting and resting in You and Your glorious promises of everlasting life. In Your Name we pray, Amen.”

Make It Personal:

- 1) Choose 5 favorite verses on His faithfulness and memorize one of them this week.
- 2) Write down 5 evidences of God's wonderful faithfulness to you.
- 3) Read Genesis chapters 12-22 and put an F in the margin every time God's faithfulness is mentioned or shown.
- 4) Sing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" in personal worship to Your faithful God

Further Study: Take a closer look at Psalm 136 as the psalmist recounts God's faithfulness to Israel. Then read Psalm 106 and note the great contrast between God's faithfulness to Israel, and Israel's continual unfaithfulness to Him. This Psalm ends with Israel in captivity asking for God to restore them once again. How faithful is our God!!!!

Remember, you are very special to us and we thank God for you.

Living with leaving in view.... John 9:4

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**Seeing the Invisible, Embracing the Unapproachable,
Declaring the Unexplainable, Changed by the Immutable,
Running after the Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows,
Spending our time on eternity,
Owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts.
We are Pilgrims in Paradox.
Welcome to THE JOURNEY.**