

## The Faithfulness of God

*Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."*

*1 Samuel 15:29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind."*

*Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.*

*Hebrews 6:18 so that we who have found refuge in him may find strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us through two unchangeable things, since it is impossible for God to lie.*

*Numbers 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.*

*Joshua 21:45 <sup>45</sup> Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.*

*2 Timothy 2:13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

*John 18:37-38 For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world-- to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"*

**Key Point:** God's promises are trustworthy because God Himself is trustworthy.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What things in life do you consider very reliable? Unreliable? Examples: weather forecasts, GPS directions, coffee makers, alarm clocks, favorite sports teams, etc. "What makes someone or something trustworthy?"

**Reflect, Think, & Share:** Read through the key scriptures and share any observations or questions with the group.

- How have broken promises, or kept promises shaped the way you trust others? (Do you find you are a trusting person, or more non-trusting?)
- "Is God trustworthy?" - Why is this such an important question for every person to answer?
- A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." What are some common distorted views of God? How do those views affect behavior and life choices?
- In Exodus 34:6–7, what attributes stand out in the way God describes Himself to Moses? How does this passage help us better understand God his character?
- Define the faithfulness of God as best as you can.
- What is the difference between saying that God does not lie, and God cannot lie? How does the impact the confidence with which we approach scripture and God's promises?
- What Biblical accounts and stories of Gods faithfulness do you turn to when you need to remind yourself that God will also be faithful in your life?
- How does the following statement by Tozer help you understand God's attributes? "If God is self-existent, He must also be self-sufficient; if he has power He, being infinite, must have all power. If He possesses knowledge, His infinitude assures us that He possesses all knowledge. His immutability presuppose His faithfulness. If He is unchanging, it follows that He could not be unfaithful, since that would require Him to change."

**Start doing:** Where are you struggling to trust God? Which areas are hardest for you to trust God? (Examples: suffering, finances, parenting, guilt, the future, unanswered prayer). List three areas where you have personally seen God's faithfulness in the past as a reminder.

**Prayer: Pray for deeper trust in God's promises.** Do you have any specific decisions or areas of life where you could use prayer from others asking God to guide you? If you feel comfortable, share these issues with your study group so that they can pray with you and for you.

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