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Remembering God's Faithfulness

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"Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: UNITE my heart to fear thy name." (Psalm 86:11)

"TRUST in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

"COMMIT thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Proverbs 16:3)

These are all very familiar scriptures. Some key words we always seem to notice are the words *unite*, *trust*, and *commit*. These scriptures all refer to us doing a positive action. These are very important actions on this journey with Jesus.

It is very important to unite with what the Lord is doing in the lives of our children. Then we trust and commit to prayer. He moves in ways that we do not comprehend.

If we observe the contrast between the word *united* or *untied*, we see just one placement of the letter *"i"* changes the word's meaning.

It all seems so wonderful and easy when we are on a high note in life. Our families are well and healthy. The children are safe and saved. We offer these scriptures to highlight the positive and to encourage others along the way. But when things are not running smoothly and rebellion, sickness, or tough times hit, it is important to know our place in Jesus. When *"I"* am in the right spot with the Lord, *"I"* am united. If *"I"* get out of place, *"I"* can create a whole new word and action, *"untied."* Just one little switch changes an entire meaning. It is either being put together or coming apart.

Being a disciple of Jesus, we must remember these scriptures for what they speak.

Psalm 86:11 reminds us that we need to be taught to know His truth and to be united in His awe-struck ability.

Proverbs 3:5 reminds us to trust in Him regardless of what our intellect tells us. Proverbs 16:3 reminds us to commit all we do to Him and our thoughts (purpose) will be established.

The Word of the Lord is sure, and we need not doubt His ability to hear and answer our prayers.

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

Our Loved ones may or may not respond to The call of Jesus like we would have them to respond, but God’s word reminds us of His faithfulness.

“He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

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His Faithfulness Hasn't Changed

By Glenda Alphin



I remember the conversation like it was yesterday. It was the first week of November 2005, and Mark had called out to our girls, asking them to join us in the living room. He began to somberly share that if God did not provide a financial miracle, we would need to end our AIM term in Estonia at least nine months earlier than expected. Costs had proven to be a bit more than the expected budget, and we had simply run out of funds. Candace, who was eleven years old at the time, asked her dad, *“How much money do we need in order to stay?”* *“Three thousand dollars,”* he replied.

How many times have we come up against a big problem and wonder, *“How will we get through this one?”* Whether a financial situation, a surprise medical problem, or an unexpected family issue that seemingly comes out of nowhere, we humans have an interesting way of forgetting important things in the heat of a moment. At times, our forgetfulness includes remembering that our God is always faithful.

When I read my Bible, I am continually gleaning more information about His

faithfulness. In every situation, God was not the one who became unfaithful; rather, it was the human(s) involved. Through flood, famine, sickness, poverty, or an overabundance of wealth, He was right there in the midst of it all.

Ravens fed Elijah when he was hungry (stop and think about that for just a minute... *how cool is that*). God provided water from a rock for Moses when the Israelites were thirsty. Sarah miraculously gave birth to a child in her old age! The Lord knew the hearts of people, read their frail humanity, and provided what they desired according to either physical or deep emotional needs. And He is still doing that today.

Second Timothy 2:13 says, *“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* (KJV) Numbers 23:19 emphasizes his faithfulness even more! *God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”* (KJV)

Back to 2005. Our family began to pray for that budget need. None of us wanted to end our AIM term in Estonia early, for we all knew the training was needful for future ministry in Finland. God laid us on the heart of Jerry Dean, a former pastor of my husband, and God’s intervention continued from there. Beginning with the December 2005 rent, and continuing through June 2006, three thousand dollars showed up in our bank account each month. The money covered our expenses plus one monthly inexpensive meal “out” for our family to enjoy, but *it was enough*.

Candace’s response to her father when he told us God had done a miracle that December? *“Of course He did. It’s what I prayed for!”*

His faithfulness hasn’t changed. *And it won’t.*

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The Faithfulness of God

By Dee Rodgers



Faithfulness means loyal, steadfast, unwavering, unshakeable, firm, and dependable.

- God’s Word declares to all:
- Great is his faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:23)
 - Declare his loving-kindness in the morning and His faithfulness every night. (Psalm 92:1-2)
 - I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever . . . I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 89:1)
- Trust in the Lord and do good . . . and feed on His faithfulness. (Psalm 37:3)
- His faithfulness endures to all generations. (Psalm 119:90)

- What if some do not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? (Romans 3:3)

God is faithful to his people. We can trust Him and stand upon the Rock of our salvation. He never leaves us alone. I have proved Him over and over throughout my life.

As a child I witnessed the faithfulness of God in my parents' lives. Not only in their ministry and personal lives, but in times of need. God provided employment for Dad. Each time they needed more financially, he was blessed with promotions and better jobs.

Even though he was diagnosed with diabetes as a young man, he was directed to a doctor that was trained and did research in that medical area. God faithfully helped him with his health. Some years later, he lost his eyesight as a result of having diabetes for many years. Life seemed to shatter. Without his sight, he had to resign the electrical foreman position he held with a large electrical company. But God provided a ministry for him to do and provided financially and spiritually a place for them. Even after Dad's death, God always provided Mother a comfortable home and life for 34 years. Her faith was strong as she encouraged and helped others.

I watched and I learned that God is faithful as I saw Him do these things in the lives of my parents. I heard the testimonies from the older people in my church. Over and over, I saw and heard of the faithfulness of God in their times of need. When I faced similar circumstances or had needs, I reminded God of what He had done for others that I had witnessed with my own eyes. I found He was faithful to me. As my personal Savior and friend. I learned to trust in my God. "From generation to generation," He is faithful.

Try Him for yourself! His faithfulness never ends. It is new every day. He is dependable. He is loyal. His love reaches to where you are, and to your need. Life doesn't always follow the path we choose, but we must remember that He is our Father and He loves us. Psalm 37:3 tells us to "Trust in the Lord and . . . feed on his faithfulness."

We fail. We forget. We falter. But we have a God that is forever faithful. Psalm 89:33 states that He will not take his lovingkindness from us and His faithfulness will not fail. God is forever faithful. Great is His faithfulness(Lamentations 3:23).

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