

"GOD IS FAITHFUL, TRUST HIM"*(Source: Bible Study guide: Lessons)***WORSHIP****Opening Prayer/Worship Song: Good Good Father****READ****LAMENTATIONS 3:17-23 (ASK SOMEONE TO READ LOUD AND CLEAR)**

"My soul has been rejected from peace; I have forgotten happiness. So I say, "My strength has perished, And so has my hope from the Lord." Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness"

DISCUSSION

How do you feel whenever you experience broken promises?

receive the privilege and the blessing of having a relationship with God.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

In a world full of lies, deceit and broken promises, God remains faithful. Being faithful means God is loving, holy, just and gracious all the time even when we're not. His faithfulness guarantees us that He will never be inconsistent with who He is. He does not lie and He keeps His covenant and promises. That God's faithfulness is unchanging should bring much comfort to us. Our proper response, in light of which, is to trust Him. The Bible tells us about God's faithfulness in the lives of His people like Abraham. God made an unconditional promise that Abraham will be the father of many nations and that He will bless him and His name will be great (Genesis 12:2-3). God made this promise when Abraham and Sarah were already old and way past their reproductive years. In fact, Sarah was actually barren. But twenty-five years later, the improbable happened when Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Hundreds of years more, through Jesus (who descended from Abraham), the world did

GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

God keeps His promises and not one of them will fail, for He who promised is faithful (Joshua 21:45; Hebrews 10:23).

1. God is faithful to save us (Read John 3:16) – Whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life. Many times we do not think about eternal life until we are confronted with the reality of death. But God's promise of eternal life in Jesus provides for our salvation and it shall take away our insecurity and fears. This gift of eternal life is given to anyone who responds in faith. And when we experience the security of God's faithfulness to save us, how can we not talk about it and share it with others as well? Know that the world is looking for answers and it can only be found in Jesus.

2. God is faithful to forgive us (Read 1 John 1:8)- The older we grow, the more we become aware of our sinfulness. This is because the sins we have done in the past shall haunt us and accuse us of guilt and

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shame. But when we humble ourselves before God, confess our sins and repent, the Bible says that He is faithful and just to forgive us. This is an amazing promise of God! He cleanses us of our unrighteousness because Jesus already took the penalty of our sins and He is now in our life.

3. God is faithful to discipline us (Read Psalm 119:75) – God disciplines us because He loves us and He knows what is best for us. When God disciplines us, it is not to inflict pain, but for us to repent of our ways so that we can be conformed to His likeness. It is when we become more Christ-like that we experience real joy.

4. God is faithful in our temptation (Read 1 Corinthians 10:13) – When we give in to temptations, we often blame others and make excuses. But in as much as we all get tempted in varying degrees, God is faithful that He will not allow any of us to get tempted beyond what each of us is able to endure and surely He will provide a way out of it.

5. God is faithful all the time (Read 2 Timothy 2:13) – God remains faithful to us even when we are faithless and thankless. When things are going well, we tend to forget God, not acknowledging that everything we have is from Him and for Him. What we need to realize is that the blessings that we prayed for can become the very things that shall be the snares in our life. So, let us put our trust in God, not in the blessings we receive.

God is also faithful in good times and bad times. Sometimes things happen that make us ask “why?” But knowing that God is good all the time, we need not stay with our cries of “whys.” We can trust that He is above our situation and that He causes all things to work together for good. All of these, so that we can be conformed to the image of Christ and our lives reflect His glory, which is our greatest good (Romans 8:28–29).

6. God is faithful to complete the work He started (Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23) – After we have been saved by accepting Jesus Christ in our life, God sanctifies us, preserved to be blameless until the second coming of Christ. He who calls us will complete what He started in us (Philippians 1:6).

SHARING

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Great is Thy Faithfulness. How did Jeremiah’s perspective shift from hopelessness to hopefulness according to Lamentations 3:17–21?

2. Faithful God. What makes you say that God is faithful? Share your personal experience about God’s faithfulness.

3. Trust God. If you truly believe God is faithful? In what ways do you express your trust in Him?

CONCLUSION

God’s faithfulness is unchanging. Our proper response to this truth is to trust Him and to lean not on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5–6).”