

Day 13: Reflecting on God's Faithfulness

Key Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23 “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

I had a friend in college who I could easily describe as “flighty.” I enjoyed her friendship, her humor, and the energy she brought into a conversation....if she would show up. When my friends and I would plan a game night or a dinner, she would either refuse to commit to coming in the first place or back out at the last minute. It was frustrating at times, not knowing whether or not you could really count on her.

When it comes to my relationship with the Lord, sometimes I wonder if I am like this friend. Do I show up when I say I will? Do I give God the attention He deserves if I do? Am I distracted in my worship and half-heartedly committed to our conversation? Do I follow through with my promise to live a life serving and loving others?

Thankfully, we can rest in the promise of Romans 8:1: “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” The Lord does not get frustrated with us or disappointed in us when we are flighty followers! Instead, He invites us to rely on Him on a deeper level.

I was reminded of this when I read these words by author Paul David Tripp, “Your hope of enduring is not to be found in your character or strength, but in your Lord’s. Because He will ever be faithful, you can bank on the fact that He will give you what you need to be faithful too....When difficulty exposes the weakness of your resolve and the limits of your strength, you do not have to panic, because He will endure even in those moments when you don’t feel able to do it yourself.”

Praise the Lord that His faithfulness is not dependent on ours. In fact, it’s the other way around! Just like God will give us what we need physically, and satisfy us spiritually, He will equip us to remain faithful to Him and His calling.

Whenever we feel weary, distracted, or not up for whatever is in front of us, may we remember God’s faithfulness to us in the past. Maybe taking inventory of His character, His goodness, His strength, and His consistency, will remind us that He will be faithful again. Maybe it will motivate us to keep pressing on, keep trusting, keep worshiping, and keep serving.

We can take comfort in the Israelites—God’s chosen people—who were the epitome of flighty. Despite their inconsistency, doubt, and rebellion, God continued to keep His promises to love them, protect them, and lead them. He remained faithful because it’s who He is. God’s

unrelenting faithfulness was strong enough to draw His people back to Him over and over again, and prove to them that He would never leave them or forsake them.

In Joshua 24, after settling in the Promised Land, Joshua asks the Israelites to commit once again to worship God alone. “Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.’” (Joshua 24:16-18)

What is our history with the Lord? What stories of His faithfulness solidify our trust in Him? Despite our tendency to be flighty followers, let’s reflect—or even share—evidence of God’s faithfulness to us.

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in Him.’” -Lamentations 3:21-24

Today's Focus: Take inventory of your journey with the Lord. How has He proven His faithfulness? What characteristics of God can you count on? If you'd like, write them down so you can read them on days when you need help remembering.