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God is Faithful

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Deuteronomy 32:3-4

SYNOPSIS

We can trust God and count on him to keep his word.

HIGHLIGHTS

Closing song – Faithful Now



God is Faithful

A college man walked into a photography studio with a framed picture of his girlfriend. He wanted the picture duplicated. This involved removing it from the frame. In doing this, the studio owner noticed the inscription on the back of the photograph: "My dearest Tom, I love you with all my heart. I love you more and more each day. I will love you forever and ever. I am yours for all eternity." It was signed "Diane" and it contained a P.S.: "If we ever break up, I want this picture back."

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! 4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

We are going to see that God is faithful. I hope that we see that with God there is no 'p.s.'

 When we think about being faithful what comes to your mind? **Steadfast, dedicated, dependable, and worthy of trust.** This sort of fidelity, or faithfulness, is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament to describe God.

Verse 3 **I will proclaim the name of the Lord...** His names speak of his faithfulness...

- Jehovah Jireh – the Lord who provides
- Jehovah Nissi – the Lord our banner (victory)
- Jehovah Rapha – the Lord our healer
- Jehovah Shalom – the Lord our peace
- Jehovah Tsidkenu – the Lord our righteousness
- Jehovah Shammah – the Lord is present
- Jehovah Rohi – the Lord my shepherd

Names of Jesus...

- He's the way; the truth; the life
- He is Immanuel – God with us
- He is the Savior
- He is the deliverer
- He is the Holy one
- He is the righteous one
- He is the good shepherd
- He is the light of the world
- He is faithful and true
- He is the alpha and the omega
- He is head over all things
- He is the power of God
- He is the wisdom of God
- He is the resurrection
- He is the stone



Verse 4 **God is the Rock**

The boulder; the high cliff; the mountain stronghold

Prudential says, "Get a piece of the Rock."

Chevy trucks are like a rock.

God **is** the Rock.

There's a town in northern Iowa that has a boulder in the downtown park. Its placement is such that they literally paved a street around it. There's actually a swerve in the road to bypass the rock. But it's just a small rock compared to the Rock of God.

Verse 4 **He is upright and just and does no wrong**

He is a law-giving and law-abiding God. He keeps his own rules. He does what he says he will  do. **He keeps his promises.**

I always tried to let my kids know that they could count on my word. If I warned them, "you do that again, and I'll take away a privilege" or, "I'll spank you." They knew I would. And likewise, when I said, "we're going to go get some ice cream for a treat." They knew they could count on it. That is, most of the time. Occasionally, I failed. I'm human. Sometimes I got sidetracked or  sometimes I just plain forgot. But God never gets off track and he never forgets. **God never fails. He always keeps his word.**

If you went to cash your paycheck at the bank and the teller gave you the right amount of money 90% of the time, would you consider that teller to be faithful?

Max DePree says, "A friend of mine described a colleague as great at running the "ninety-five-yard dash." That is a distinction I can do without. Lacking the last five yards makes the first ninety-five pointless."

A faithful person is one who you can count on to keep their word. They will keep the promises that they make even if it costs them something to do it. This is a rare commodity these days.

Bible verses that describe God as faithful...

Deuteronomy 7:9

he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Psalms 57:10

great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Psalms 117:2



great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever

1 Thessalonians 5:24

The one who calls you is faithful

2 Timothy 2:13

if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God is faithful. He made promises to Abraham concerning having many descendants even though Abraham and Sarah were very old and they had no children. God kept His promises to Moses, David, Israel and Joseph just to name a few. God kept His promise to mankind that He made back in Genesis 3:15 where he promised that Satan's power would be broken; this was accomplished with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

☞ **His faithfulness includes "temporal blessings".**

Psalms 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

A young woman brought home her fiancée to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother tells her father to find out more about the young man. So he asks him "What are your plans?" The young man replied, "I am a Bible scholar." "A Bible scholar. Hmmm. That's admirable, but what will you do to provide a house for my daughter to live in?" He says, "I will study and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her an engagement ring?" He says, "I will concentrate on my studies and God will provide."

"And children?" asks her father. "How will you support any children you might have?" He says, "Don't worry, sir, God will provide."

Later in the evening the mother asks the father, "Well, how did it go with the young man?" The father says, "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is, he thinks I'm God."

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

☞ **His faithfulness includes spiritual blessings.**

1 Corinthians 1:9

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

☞ **His faithfulness includes help in temptation.**



1 Corinthians 10:13

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

☞ **His faithfulness includes support in persecution or troubles.**

Isaiah 43:2-3

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Savior;

☞ **His faithfulness includes direction in all situations.**

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

A lot of people are cynical about politics because for too many years, politicians have promised everything to everyone and have delivered nothing.

God keeps His promises. He delivers whatever he says. Remember David with Goliath? Remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? Remember Daniel in the lion's den? They found God faithful. What about today? Is God still faithful?

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

He kept his word in the Bible and he still keeps his word. He has been faithful and he still is faithful.

God's Promises... (just a few)

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| ☞ Genesis 12:2 | I will bless you |
| Joshua 1:5 | I will be with you |
| 2 Kings 20:5 | I will heal you |
| Psalms 32:8 | I will instruct you |
| Psalms 32:8 | I will counsel you |
| Psalms 32:8 | I will ...watch over you |
| ☞ Psalms 50:15 | I will deliver you |



Psalms 132:15	I will satisfy
Isaiah 41:10	I will strengthen you
Isaiah 41:10	I will ...help you
Isaiah 41:10	I will uphold you
Isaiah 49:15	I will not forget you!
☞ Isaiah 66:13	I will comfort you
Jeremiah 30:17	I will restore you
Jeremiah 31:34	I will forgive
Ezekiel 36:29	I will save you
John 14:3	I will come back
Revelation 2:10	I will give you the crown of life

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Be encouraged! God is faithful!

Sing – Faithful Now