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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Faithful**

"God is faithful yesterday, today, tomorrow, always." – unknown

"I cannot say that I have always been faithful to God! I am thankful that He is always faithful to me! – unknown

"A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living an accidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to be like Christ." – Jonathan Edwards

"Even if life gives you a thousand reasons to quit . . . God will give you a thousand and more to keep going." – unknown

"The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go God's love for us does not." – C. S. Lewis

What does faithful mean? "Steadfast in affection or allegiance; firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty; given with strong assurance" (Merriam-Webster).

There is no question, God is faithful. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). "...God is faithful..." (1 Cor. 10:13). "But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No" (2 Cor. 1:18). "He who calls you is faithful..." (1 Thess. 5:24). "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Tim. 2:13). "...He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23). "...And He who sat on Him was called Faithful and True..." (Rev. 19:11).

The problem lies with man and his seeming inability to remain faithful to God. "But if they confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me..." (Lev. 26:40). "And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers" (1 Chron. 5:25). "For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the LORD" (2 Chron. 28:19). "Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard" (Prov. 13:15). "The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me..." (Ezek. 39:23).

As you can see, verse after verse sets forth the faithfulness of God and the unfaithfulness of man. It emphasizes that time after time man fails God, which means that we too at times fail God.

Aren't you glad that God is such that you can always count on Him. "...for He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you...'" (Heb. 13:5).