



FAITHFULNESS

*"For the word of the Lord is right and true
he is faithful in all he does."
Psalm 33:4*



Faithful in all He does

Psalm 33

March 6th-March 12th

- 1** Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2** Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3** Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4** For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5** The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6** By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7** He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8** Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9** For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10** The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 11** But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 12** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- 13** From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind;
- 14** from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
- 15** he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
- 16** No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- 17** A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- 18** But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
19 to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
20 We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
21 In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
22 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.



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READ & REREAD

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UNDERSTAND

Ask Questions of the passage. What does it teach me about God? What does it say about sin? What does it say about the gospel? What would you like to research further?

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**Remember to read the Optional Application

1. The power of God. How would you define it? Where have you seen it? How do you hope to see it?

2. Read Romans 5:1-11. How are we counted among the righteous who should praise in verse 1? What happened so that we could be among them?

Why then, do we praise?

3. What are the reasons to praise God given in this Psalm?

Faithful with a Few Things

Matthew 25:14-30

February 28th-March 5th

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not

have, even what they have will be taken from them. **30** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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Great is Your Faithfulness

Lamentations 3

February 21st -February 27th

I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of the Lord's wrath.
2 He has driven me away and made me walk
in darkness rather than light;
3 indeed, he has turned his hand against me
again and again, all day long.
4 He has made my skin and my flesh grow old
and has broken my bones.
5 He has besieged me and surrounded me
with bitterness and hardship.
6 He has made me dwell in darkness
like those long dead.
7 He has walled me in so I cannot escape;
he has weighed me down with chains.
8 Even when I call out or cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer.
9 He has barred my way with blocks of stone;
he has made my paths crooked.
10 Like a bear lying in wait,
like a lion in hiding,
11 he dragged me from the path and mangled me
and left me without help.
12 He drew his bow
and made me the target for his arrows.
13 He pierced my heart
with arrows from his quiver.
14 I became the laughingstock of all my people;
they mock me in song all day long.
15 He has filled me with bitter herbs
and given me gall to drink.
16 He has broken my teeth with gravel;
he has trampled me in the dust.
17 I have been deprived of peace;
I have forgotten what prosperity is.

18 So I say, "My splendor is gone
and all that I had hoped from the Lord."
19 I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.
20 I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
21 Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
25 The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
26 it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
27 It is good for a man to bear the yoke
while he is young.
28 Let him sit alone in silence,
for the Lord has laid it on him.
29 Let him bury his face in the dust—
there may yet be hope.
30 Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,
and let him be filled with disgrace.
31 For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.
32 Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.
33 For he does not willingly bring affliction
or grief to anyone.
34 To crush underfoot
all prisoners in the land,
35 to deny people their rights
before the Most High,
36 to deprive them of justice—
would not the Lord see such things?

37 Who can speak and have it happen
if the Lord has not decreed it?

38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High
that both calamities and good things come?

39 Why should the living complain
when punished for their sins?

40 Let us examine our ways and test them,
and let us return to the Lord.

41 Let us lift up our hearts and our hands
to God in heaven, and say:

42 "We have sinned and rebelled
and you have not forgiven.

43 "You have covered yourself with anger and pursued us;
you have slain without pity.

44 You have covered yourself with a cloud
so that no prayer can get through.

45 You have made us scum and refuse
among the nations.

46 "All our enemies have opened their mouths
wide against us.

47 We have suffered terror and pitfalls,
ruin and destruction."

48 Streams of tears flow from my eyes
because my people are destroyed.

49 My eyes will flow unceasingly,
without relief,

50 until the Lord looks down
from heaven and sees.

51 What I see brings grief to my soul
because of all the women of my city.

52 Those who were my enemies without cause
hunted me like a bird.

53 They tried to end my life in a pit
and threw stones at me;

54 the waters closed over my head,
and I thought I was about to perish.

55 I called on your name, Lord,
from the depths of the pit.

56 You heard my plea: "Do not close your ears

to my cry for relief.”

57 You came near when I called you,
and you said, “Do not fear.”

58 You, Lord, took up my case;
you redeemed my life.

59 Lord, you have seen the wrong done to me.
Uphold my cause!

60 You have seen the depth of their vengeance,
all their plots against me.

61 Lord, you have heard their insults,
all their plots against me—

62 what my enemies whisper and mutter
against me all day long.

63 Look at them! Sitting or standing,
they mock me in their songs.

64 Pay them back what they deserve, Lord,
for what their hands have done.

65 Put a veil over their hearts,
and may your curse be on them!

66 Pursue them in anger and destroy them
from under the heavens of the Lord.



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1. Christopher Wright's commentary on Lamentations is called "Honest to God" and that is what this book is all about that...being honest with God. How does this passage make you feel right away- does this kind of honesty with God make you comfortable or uncomfortable?

2. Compare verse 3 to Ruth 1:13b that we studied earlier this year. How comfortable are you with expressing grief to God?

3. How do you hold verses 18 with verses 21-23 together? Read verses 31-33 to help with this question. Have you ever spoken both of these together to God?

4. Read verse 26. When have you waited quiet before the Lord?

5. In verse 57, God speaks. These are the only words of God in the whole book. What are they, and what significance do they hold to this chapter? What significance do they hold to you?

6. Compare Psalm 73:16-17 & Psalm 45:5 with Lamentations 3:20-21. How does perspective matter? How does the man "call to mind"? What truths about God do you need to call to mind?

7. The song, *Great is thy Faithfulness* comes from this passage. How does reading the context around that declaration make you sing that song differently?

Optional Application: Watch "Great Is thy Faithfulness" Lyric video. Here is one option:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErwiBz1QA4o>

Spend 20 minutes journaling your honest response to this song to God.