

The Faithfulness of God to the Faithful

Beloved, it is tempting for us to turn God's promises of faithful love into bumper stickers about protection, as if God works like a deflector shield. The truth of God's faithfulness through the hard times is much more profound than that.

Scripture(s): 2 Kings 4:1-17

Remember this - God invites us to discover daily that His faithful love works through and beyond each _____ that His faithful face.

3 lessons the faithful are asked to learn when watching God's faithfulness to the faithful during hard times.

- 1) The faithful are not miraculously protected from _____ struggle they face.
- 2) God's answers to our problems will often not be quick or easy, but they will be _____ and for our good.
- 3) Being faithful doesn't mean that we are _____. It simply means that we are actually _____.

What does that word 'faithful' mean?

* Loyal - Our allegiance is _____ with Him and He is with us.

Deuteronomy 7:7-11 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face. Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

* Trusting - We believe that He will show up in our lives for our _____. He believes that we are _____ investing in.

Lamentations 3:22-23 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

* Trustworthy - We follow through on our _____ even when doing so is hard or hurts us.

Psalms 119:75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Our challenge: Faithfully _____ for God's faithful love in your life.

Discuss with God -

1. Do I look for your faithful love only when good things are happening in my life?
2. Is my faithfulness to Jesus clear to those around me?
3. Does your faithfulness, Lord, lead me to confidence or worry as I face my struggles? Why is that?

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