

The Character of God: God is Faithful

Reflect

1. Have you ever broken a promise? Describe the situation.
2. How would you define the term “faithfulness?”
3. When was a time in your life when someone was faithful to you? What were they faithful with? How did it make you feel?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how important do you think the quality of faithfulness is for someone to have? Why did you give this rating?

Read Your Bible

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- 2 Timothy 2:13 (answer question #5 prior to reading)

Apply God’s Word to Your Life

1. Why do you think one of the characteristics of God we are focusing on is His faithfulness?
2. Have you ever thought of God as faithful? Why or why not?
3. The Apostle Paul equates the faithfulness of God with the covenant of His love with every generation of people. Why do you think Paul made this connection?
4. What appears to be the two ways that Deuteronomy calls for us to respond to His faithfulness?
5. What do you think the faithfulness of God is dependent on?
6. How would you compare or contrast the faithfulness of God to our faithfulness as human beings?
7. What do you think 2 Timothy 2:13 means when it says, “...for he cannot disown himself?”
8. How do you think Jesus plays a part in God’s faithfulness to us?
9. What is one takeaway from these two passages that you would like to reflect on more?

Conclusion

For many of us, faithfulness is a crucial characteristic that we heavily desire from those around us. It is challenging when someone makes a promise that they are not able to keep. We know that it is better to obey without promising than to promise and then not obey. This is why God not only promised us forgiveness of our sins, but He sent His one and only Son to die on a Cross to make forgiveness of sins possible. At any point, Jesus could have had 12,000 angels come down and take Him off the Cross (Matt. 26:53), but He knew that the Cross was the very reason for which He came into the world. Therefore, He remained on the Cross because of His faithfulness to us. He has always been faithful and will always be faithful.

Pray

Heavenly Father, I thank You that even when I am not faithful, You are faithful. In Jesus Christ, Your faithfulness shines bright for all to see in that while we were still sinners, He died for us. How could we ever repay You for what You have done? Help me to be more faithful, I pray, so that I may more deeply reflect your Son Jesus Christ to the world around me. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.