

1 **THE LORD IS FAITHFUL**

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• ¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, ² and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. ⁵ Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

3 4 **HE IS FAITHFUL TO ASSURE OUR SALVATION.**

- The Bible Record of God's Faithfulness:
 - Psalm 36:5: "Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds."
 - God's Covenant with David – Psalm 89:33: "Nevertheless My loving kindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. ³⁴ My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips."

5 **God's Covenant with Abraham**6 **Romans 4:19-21**

- And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

7 **Hebrews 11:11**

- "By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised."

8 **The faith of Abraham and Sarah was not misguided.**

- Genesis 21:1-2: And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. ² For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

9 **Our Condition – Lost**

- Luke 15:
 - The Lost Sheep
 - The Lost Coin
 - The Lost Son

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13 14 **Example of the Corinthian Christians:**

- 1 Corinthians 1:7-9: *"So that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

15 **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

- ²³ *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.*
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3: *But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.*

16 **HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE OUR SINS.**

- Lost because of sin – Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." 1 John 1:8: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*
- That is where the faithfulness of God enters in:
- 1 John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

17 **HE IS FAITHFUL TO PROVIDE OUR VICTORY**18 **2 Thessalonians 3:3**

- *But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.*

19 **God forgives us on the basis of two aspects**

- Jay Green's literal translation: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, that He may forgive us our sins, and may cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
- One – His righteousness or justice.
- Second – His faithfulness

20 21 **HE IS FAITHFUL TO SUSTAIN US THROUGH SUFFERING**

- We are most tempted to doubt God's faithfulness is when suffering strikes our lives
 - Physical pain
 - Emotional pain
 - Tragedy

22 **Jerusalem in Isaiah's day**

- Isaiah 49:14: *"But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."*
- Isaiah 49:15-16: *"Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me."*

23 **Because He Lives**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives.

24 **CONCLUSION:**

- 1 Peter 4:19: *"So if you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right, and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you."* (NLT).