



God's Faithfulness

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— Pastor Mike • September 27, 2026

Bible Texts: 1 Chronicles 9:1ⁱ; 1 Chronicles 10:13ⁱⁱ; 2 Chronicles 36:15–16ⁱⁱⁱ; Hebrews 12:6^{iv}; Ezra 6:14–15^v.

Pastor Mike opened the new Chronicles series with Israel returning from Babylonian exile—discouraged, living among ruins, and aware of the consequences of its unfaithfulness. The Chronicler retold Israel's story to remind the people that they still belonged to God, His covenant still stood, and His purpose had not disappeared. Like the Field of Dreams illustration, looking back can change how we see the present and give us hope for the future. The message centered on one truth: God's faithfulness is always greater than our failure.

1. God Never Abandons His People

Chronicles is honest about Israel's sin. First Chronicles 9:1 says Judah went into exile because of a “breach of faith,” a phrase Pastor Mike's notes describe as betrayed covenant trust, not a minor mistake. Yet 2 Chronicles 36 shows God sending His messengers “persistently” because He had compassion on His people. Before judgment came, He pursued them again and again, calling them to return.

Discipline is not the absence of love; sometimes it is love refusing to give up. Like a parent who removes the car keys from a teenager making destructive choices, God corrects because He cares where our choices lead. Hebrews 12:6 says the Lord disciplines the one He loves. Pastor Mike also stressed that not every hardship is God's discipline; we suffer in a fallen world. But when God exposes sin and calls us back, conviction is not rejection. Israel's exile was part of its story, not its identity or its ending. The same can be true of our failures.



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Reflection: Do I receive God's correction as evidence of His restoring love, or do I mistake it for rejection?

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2. God Still Works Through His People

God did more than bring Israel home; He called His people back to usefulness. Ezra 6 describes the rebuilding of the temple through Cyrus, Darius, Artaxerxes, Haggai, Zechariah, Jewish leaders, and ordinary people. Behind them all was God's sovereign hand. Israel's failure did not limit His purpose, pagan empires did not limit His purpose, and imperfect servants did not limit His purpose.

Pastor Mike pictured this with an old four-foot level inherited from his grandfather. It is worn, scratched, and faded—but it still does the job. Something does not have to be perfect to remain useful. We may see scratches; God sees an instrument. We may see failure; God sees what grace can still do. We may see brokenness; God sees what can be rebuilt. We are never too old, too weak, or too scarred for God to use when we place ourselves in His hands.

Reflection: Where have I ruled myself out because I have focused more on my scars than on what God can still do through me?

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Closing Thought

At the heart of Chronicles is God's covenant with David. Israel failed, kings failed, Jerusalem fell, and the temple was destroyed, but God's promise did not fail. The Davidic promise ultimately points to Jesus Christ, David's greater Son—the faithful King who bore the consequence of our unfaithfulness and opened the way home to God. Israel's failure did not have the final word; God's faithfulness did.



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Our hope is not that we will never fail God, but that God will never cease to be faithful. We are saved by grace, sustained by grace, restored by grace, and sent by grace. The same truth speaks to the church: we need only be faithful with what God has placed in our hands. Through Jesus Christ, the Father forgives, restores, and calls us again to usefulness. The page can turn because the God who was faithful then is still faithful now.

i 1 Chronicles 9:1 English Standard Version - A Genealogy of the Returned Exiles

⁹ So all Israel was recorded in genealogies, and these are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was taken into exile in Babylon because of their breach of faith.

ii 1 Chronicles 10:13 English Standard Version

¹³ So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the Lord in that he did not keep the command of the Lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance.

iii 2 Chronicles 36:15-16 English Standard Version

¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

iv Hebrews 12:6 English Standard Version

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

v Ezra 6:14-15 English Standard Version

¹⁴ And the elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building by decree of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia; ¹⁵ and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.