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**Daily Devotional**

*“Unfailing” – Samson Green*

ANNCR: April 29th, “Unfailing.” How much do you believe in yourself? If we all answered this question, I’m sure we’d find we’ve landed at wildly different places along a spectrum. Maybe you’re leading a successful life, and you’re quite confident in your abilities. Or maybe you’ve watched yourself fail time and time again, and it seems no matter how hard you try, things never go your way. But the truth is, no matter how we feel about ourselves, at one time or another, we’re going to let ourselves down...and this should give us hesitation. Today we’ll hear from a man who learned just how painful it can be to let yourself down. He’s here to share with us his true story on this Unshackled Daily Devotional.

SAMSON: Has anyone ever let you down? I’m Samson Green, and the first one was my father, who was never there for me when I was growing up. When I was only five, I helped Mama fight off a gang, and I hated gangs after that. But Mama was the second one to let me down. She left me and my sister with Grandma when I was ten and she didn’t return. Grandma made us go to church.

I was the first one in my family to graduate from high school and start college. But foot surgery and lack of money forced me to drop out after one semester. By then I was into drugs and hangin' out in the Hood. I finally met my father when I was nineteen, but he didn't fill the emptiness in my life, either. I had a son and, wanting to make a better community for him, I joined a gang. I had now let myself down.

As I moved up in gang leadership, I saw terrible things; but I remained loyal. When I was arrested for cocaine possession, I was sure the gang would bail me out right away; but they didn't. As I sat there in jail, I realized the gang had let me down, too.

When I got out, the gang had new leadership. I had to run for my life and ended up at Pacific Garden Mission. There I heard how "God commends His love for us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." I gave my life to Christ, finished the Bible program and began coaching basketball at a Christian school. Today, I'm also on staff at Pacific Garden Mission.

ANNCR: The Apostle Paul writes of Jesus in 2 Timothy chapter 2, verse 13, ***"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."*** Friend, we may feel as though we are the only thing in life we can control, but the truth is, even we are faulty! Every slip-up is a

constant reminder of our limitations. Yet, our Lord is a faithful God.

He is, by nature, unchanging and utterly reliable. While we are fickle, he is constant and the only one who will never let us down.

Will you receive this truth today?

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