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For those who put their trust in God, there is an unchanging and unwavering source of faithfulness that surpasses all understanding.

(**Prov. 3:1-8**) <sup>1-2</sup>My son, never forget the things I've taught you. If you want a long and satisfying life, closely follow my instructions.

<sup>3</sup>Never tire of loyalty and kindness. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart.....

<sup>4-5</sup>If you want favor with both God and man, and a reputation for good judgment and common sense, then trust the Lord completely; don't ever trust yourself.

<sup>6</sup>In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

7-8 Don't be conceited, sure of your own wisdom.
Instead, trust and reverence the Lord, and turn your back on evil; when you do that, then you will be given renewed health and vitality." Living Bible Paraphrased

# (Ps. 100:3-5)

"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." Amp

#### Reasons we can trust in the faithfulness of God:

1. See God's Faithfulness in His Promises

- 2. See God's Faithfulness in Our Trials
- 3. See God's Faithfulness in Our Protection
- 4. See God's Faithfulness in Our Salvation(deliverance)
- 5. Our Response to God's Faithfulness

# 1. See God's Faithfulness in His Promises:

(Josh. 21:45), "Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled." Amp

God's faithfulness is rooted in His nature and character:

(Numbers 23:19), "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good and fulfill it?" Amp (2 Cor. 1:20), <sup>20</sup> For as many as are the promises of God, in Christ they are [all answered] "Yes." So through Him we say our "Amen" to the glory of God." Amp

### 2. See God's Faithfulness in Our Trials

(Josh. 21:44a), "The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as He had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands." Amp

(Lam. 3:19-25), "Remember [O Lord] my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and the gall (bitterness).

<sup>20</sup>My soul continually remembers them And is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, Therefore I have hope.

<sup>22</sup>It is because of the Lord's lovingkindnesses that we are not consumed, Because His [tender] compassions

<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; Great and beyond measure is Your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>The Lord is my portion and my inheritance," says my soul;

"Therefore I have hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him."

<sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait [confidently] for Him, To those who seek Him [on the authority of God's word]." AMP

### 3. See God's Faithfulness in Our Protection:

(Josh. 21:44b), <sup>44</sup> The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as He had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands."

(Ps. 91:1-11), "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will remain secure and rest in the shadow of the Almighty [whose power no enemy can withstand].

<sup>2</sup>I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust [with great confidence, and on whom I rely]!"

<sup>3</sup>For He will save you from the trap of the fowler, And from the deadly pestilence....

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you and completely protect you with His pinions, And under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and a wall.

<sup>5</sup>You will not be afraid of the terror of night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>Nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Nor of the destruction (sudden death) that lays waste at noon....

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand, But danger will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only [be a spectator as you] look on with your eyes, And witness the [divine] repayment of the wicked [as you watch safely from the shelter of the Most High].....

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord, [who is] my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup>No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For He will command His angels in regard to you, To protect and defend and guard you in all your ways [of obedience and service]." Amp

# 4. See God's Faithfulness in Our Salvation/deliverance):

(Rom. 5:8), "But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Amp

The pinnacle of God's faithfulness is revealed in His plan of salvation/security through Jesus Christ.

(Jn. 17:12), "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and protected them, and not one of them was lost except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled." Amp

5. Our Response to God's Faithfulness: As recipients of God's faithfulness, we are called to trust, obey, and serve Him faithfully.

(1 Cor 4:1,2), "So then, let us [who minister] be regarded as servants of Christ and stewards (trustees, administrators) of the mysteries of God [that He chooses to reveal].

<sup>2</sup> In this case, moreover, it is required [as essential and demanded] of stewards that one be found faithful and trustworthy." Amp

As we navigate this "Journey of Faith," let us hold onto the truth that God's faithfulness is unchanging, unwavering, and everlasting.

(Psalm 33:4) "For the Word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything He does." (NLT).

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