THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

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TEXT:
1 Corinthians 1:9 KJV
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SUBJ: The Faithfulness of GOD!

INTRO: Listen, Paul makes a statement here that I believe should encourage our hearts, minds and spirits. And I don't care what you maybe going through or dealing with in life, what he said should make you want to shout Hallelujah and give GOD some glory.

(NOTE: He said, "GOD is faithful!")

(EXP#) In spite of what you're going through, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) In spite of how you're feeling, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) In spite of what the situation looks like, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) In spite of how long you've been dealing with it, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) In spite of what happened, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) Even though you're hurting right now, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) Even though you can't see no way out right now, GOD is faithful!

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1 Corinthians 1:9 GNT
God can be trusted, and he chose you to be partners with his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

(EXPOUND) GOD is faithful and the reason why GOD is faithful, is because he chose you for this.

Ephesians 1:4-5
4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will!

(EXPOUND) You've been chosen for this moment, so GOD can show you his

faithfulness in the moment!

(EXP#) This moment of fear, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of hurt, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of brokenness, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of failure, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of mistake, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of crying, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of pain, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of despair, GOD is faithful!

(EXP#) This moment of confusion, GOD is faithful!

Lamentations 3:22-23
22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

(EXPOUND) GOD is faithful and his faithfulness is great!

(Frosted Flakes) You know what Tony the Tiger says about Frosted Flakes cereal, “They’re great!”

You know what we can say about GOD’s faithfulness, “It’s GREAT!”

(NOTE: And it’s especially great for you!) A child of GOD!

BODY:

Listen to truly appreciate the faithfulness of GOD you have to understand what faithful means!

So There are three (3) definitions of the word faithful that I want to share with us today:

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#1 Faithful means to be LOYAL!

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LOYAL - means to be steadfast in affection or allegiance.

(NOTE: So When Paul says But the GOD is faithful, he was saying the GOD is affectionately Loyal to you!

Jeremiah said in
Jeremiah 31:3
The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

(EXPOUND) GOD is affectionately loyal to you!

And he's love is an everlasting love, because GOD is an everlasting GOD!

(NOTE: I don't know about you, but that sounds like good news to me!)

(QUESTION) How many y'all know ain't nothing like having someone loyal in your life?

(EXP#) You don't have to question their motives.

(EXP#) You can count on them.

(EXP#) They're trustworthy.

(EXP#) They're dependable.

(EXP#) They have your best interest at heart.

Deuteronomy 7:9
Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations

(EXPOUND) GOD is loyal to us forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:24
Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

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#2 Faithful means Constant!

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Constant - means consistent.

(NOTE: When Paul said, “But the Lord is faithful”, he was saying but Lord is consistent!”)

There’s nothing inconsistent about GOD! He’s always the same!

GOD told Malachi in
Malachi 3:6
For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

(EXPOUND) He said I am the Lord and I don’t change! That’s why you haven’t been destroyed!

(NOTE: GOD said the reason why we haven’t been destroyed is because he’s a GOD that doesn’t change!)

(EXP#) He said, “I told you that I’ll never leave you nor forsake you!”

(EXP#) He said, “I told you to stand still and hold your piece while I fight your battles!”

The reason why you haven’t been destroyed is because GOD doesn’t change!

James 1:17
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

(EXP#) You know how we can turn from one way to the other and there’s a shadow on the ground, with GOD there is no shadow because he doesn’t turn or change!

(NOTE: There isn’t even a shadow of GOD changing!)

GOD is the same GOD, yesterday, today and forever more. And he changes

not!

Hebrews 13:8
Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever!

Malachi 3:6
For I am the Lord, I change not

(NOTE: He's an immutable GOD, meaning he's unable change!)

He couldn't change if he wanted to, because if he changed, the gospel would be a lie!

(EXP#) His same Delivering power that worked yesterday, it's working today and it'll work tomorrow!

(EXP#) His same Healing power that worked yesterday, it's working today and it'll work tomorrow!

(EXP#) His same Restoration power that worked yesterday, it's working today and it'll work tomorrow!

(EXP#) His same Way making power that worked yesterday, it's working today and it'll work tomorrow!

CONCLUSION:

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#3 Faithful means Binding!

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Binding - means a strong covering holding something

together.

(NOTE: In other things binding means being tide together.)

So when Paul said, "But the Lord is faithful", he was saying, but the Lord is tide together with you!

(EXP#) That's why JESUS told us in
Matthew 18:18
Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Because you, JESUS, GOD and the HOLY GHOST are tide together.

(EXP#) That's why John said in
1 John 4:4
greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Because you, JESUS, GOD and the HOLY GHOST are tide together.

Isaiah 55:3
Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Hebrews 13:5
Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Isaiah 41:10 KJV

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.